Conciliation hope as

Ulster power transfer

Mr Atkins urges

The first serious attempt in four years to break the political deadlack in Northern

treland was launched formally yesterday in an almost unprecedented atmosphere of conciliation among the Province's leading politicians.

The Official Unionists were

under intense pressure last night to join the constitutional talks that will begin at

talks that will begin at Stormont on December 3. The party refused yesterday to break its silence on its inten-tions, despite an announcement

their fierce competitor, Rev Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionists, will take part.

Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, released the working paper at Stormont which will form the basis of the talks,

setting out six options for devolved power. He announced resolutely that "there will be

The paper contains two vital

preconditions: There is to be no question of discussion on unity with the Republic of Ireland; and any agreement must protect the interests of the Catholic minority.

The Official Unionists may

the executive meets here on

the executive meets here on Friday, and Mr James Molyneaux, the party leader, will set out his position when the paper is debated in the Commons next week. But, if necessary, the Government is determined to push ahead without him.

The Social Democratic and

Labour Party, the main Catholic

And the Unionists of all parties are worried that the assurance to the Carholics implies the hated concept of

an agreement".

without **him**.

Professor Blunt describes double life as MI5 man and Soviet agent

The Times" in London yesterday, explained how he rovided information to the Russians when he worked for 115 during the war. But he denied giving Russia information fascism was the great threat. (Full text begins on page 4.)

rofessor Anthony Blunt, in an interview in the offices of after the war or that he tipped off Guy Burgess and Donald Maclean in 1951 that they were in danger of arrest. He said Mr Burgess recruited him at Cambridge in the 1930s when

Recruited by Guy Burgess in 1930s to aid 'anti-fascism'

Like any spy who had come from the cold. Professor nthony Blunt yesterday discosed a great deal about his tivities as a spy for the Soviet bion, but not all. He claimed was inhibited by the Official gress Act, but it also seemed remained loyal in friends ive and dead.

Throughout the interview, Throughout the innerview, dd in the offices of The Times, was remarkably composed in clearly believed that his mession to MIS in 1964 and e immunity granted to him as an absolution. In Roman whole terms, he was in a state mace.

He adminted that he was a lent spotter for Soviet intel-sence at Cambridge in the 30s, and that he provided in-constion to the Russians when worked for MIS during the cond World War. He demed that he had given

warning to Guy Burgers and mold Maclean that they were out to be arrested in 1951. eut to be arrested in 1951edid not, and could not, have
id them. Iain Philby did.
Mr Blum added: I didn't
d couldn't have. It was
uply Philby. When Guy
me back from America, which
is a week—at might have been
days—before they left.
hilby) sold him that they
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Did you not feel obliged to
on the security services? No, because they were my

ends."
Mr Burgess had a contact
d put Mr Blunt in touch
th him because he rightly
poused that he was in danger. d would be a prime suspect f things got critical.

He met the contact and was

dered to go to Russia, prob-ly because they thought he is still one of them. He went me and decided not to go. Mr Bluot said that he became Mr Bluot said that he became Communist, or more particularly a Marxist, in 1935 or 36. He had been on a sabrical and on his return to imbridge found that his lends and almost all the ight undergraduates had been me Marxists under the import of Hitler.

The most intelligent was Mr. urgess, who had become a of Hitter ally convinced Marrist and member of the Communistry. Mr Burgess convinced in that the Marrist interpretation of history was correct. When Mr Russess and it in When Mr Burgess put it to n he decided that the best w of opposing fascism was become a talent sporter become a talent sporter—
it is, he gave Mr Burgess the mes of likely recruits.
Mr Blunt said that he sported ty few before he left Cambidge in 1937 to work at the arburg fusitione. He insisted at he did not report to muel Cahan, the chief Sovier

that.

He admitted that he was rejected by Military Intelligence when he sponding of the war. He then joined the Intelligence Corps and served in France until the evacuation.

ontil the evacuation.

On his return to Britain he joined MIS, the security service, largely because of the old-boy network. He received only a routine verting because everybody was too ousy.

The Ribbentrop-Molotov Pact, which led many British Communists to recent, did not diminish Mr. Blunt's loyalty. He argued that it was a tactical

He argued that it was a tactical necessity to be to the Soviet Union gain time and prepare for war, and while working at M15 passed on information to the Russians.

the Russians.

His brief was to report anything interesting but at first his jumor rank limited his activities. He mainly reported the names of MI5 officers.

He had access to more information by the time of the invasion of Russia, and with the Russians as allies he continued his espionage activities with a clearer conscience. The information was more interesting, but he claimed that it was almost entirely about German intelligence in Europe.

Mr Bluht said that he passed the information to English friends, and a Soviet agent, whom he neet in London. He old not know his name, but assumed he was attached to the Soviet Empassy.

assumed he was attached to the Soviet Embersy.
Professor Blunt claimed that he ceased to report to the Russians after the war. He could have contacted them through Mr. Burgess, but he had nothing to report-certainly nothing from the Palace, where he was employed as Surveyor of the King's Pictures.

confidential papers which might have seen at Bucking-hem Palace This is, of course.

guestry possed arroad, Mr. Surgess could be taresome and
difficult out was highly intelligent. They discussed everything except politics.
Professor Blunt claimed that
he become discussed with Professor Blunt claimed that again in 1964, and it was become disenchanted with obvious that they knew a lot communism and the Soviet about als pest activities. Their Union after the war. It was a offer was a plain statement: he could have immunity in exchange for information. He exchange for information. He exchange for information. He exchange for information. He he was finally convinced that offer had been decided by high the British way of life and authority, from the Prime Opinitiution were the best.

After the defection of Mr. Professor Blunt said he did Burgess and Mr Maclean in soc know if they thought that



Professor Blunt: "British way of life the best.

with people he had the some had the impression that some believed that he was guilty of espionage but others did not. espronage our orners and not.

He was approached by MIS again in 1964, and it was obvious that they knew a lot about his past activities. Their

Burgess and Mr Maclean in not know if they thought that 1951, he was frequently interro he was still in touch with Soviet gaied by MIS. They were com- intelligence and could be used

fortable conversations, often as a double agent. He refused gave in return for immunity, except that it was regarded as important. Although out of date it could start a line of date, it could start a line

Professor Blunt said that afterwards be was told specifi-cally that the Palace had not been informed. Later, in about 1972, he was given to understand that the Private Secretary had been told, but he did not know if the Queen was in-

He said that he had rarely met the Queen when he worked at the Palace. His job was

Board forced to resign

had always been threatened by the board members following the crisis which developed be-

He had not considered the possibility that the Queen would be deeply embarrassed if his past was disclosed. He had assumed that it would never come out, and thought that his job was important. Professor Blunt did not be-lieve that homosexuals were more liable than others to be-come spies and traitors. Mr Philby was not a homosexual, and Mr Maclean was essentially normal with perhaps a slight homosexual tendency.

Craig Seton writes: Mr Andrew Boyle, whose book The Climate of Treason led to the naming of Professor Blunt in the Comon Processor Blunt in the Com-mons, reacted with scepticism to the former spy's statement last night, end said he found it "obnoxious" that he had attempted to justify his mis-deeds on the ground of consci-Speaking to The Times soon after Professor Blunt's statement and interview, Mr Boyle said: "I have immense sympathy with him, but not with his misdeeds. It might have

fluential businessmen whose reputations are of long standing. They include Sir Leslie Smith, chairman of BOC International. Sir Jack Wellings, chairman of the 600 Group and Mr John Gardiner, chief executive of the Laird Group.

been more appropriate if he had expressed a word of regret for his misdeeds rather than seeking to justify them." Reacting to Justify them ".

Reacting to Professor Blunt's denial that he had tipped off Mr. Burgess, Mr. Boyle said:

"As to his fine distinction as to the role he played in the warning of Burgess and Maclean in May, 1951, he has not succeeded in his attempt to explain in May, 1951, he has not succeeded in his attempt to explain this away by discrediting my version of events. Indeed, his role as middleman between the Russian control and the two who gut away, six years after his claim to have stopped spy-ing for Russia, makes it seem

they met only when a decision had to be made about renang-

Mr Boyle said his sources suggested that there was no official communication by Professor Blunt with MI5 people "but social, and that is just as important".

He accepted Professor Blumt's essection that he was dictated by emiscience, but that was still many obnoxious ". The semos obere at the time was weird, but there was evidence coming our of Russia about terrible re-pression and killing. "It seems pression and killing.

Watching Professor Blunt on Watching Professor Blunt on television, he had not seen a man lacking in dignity and could understand ins friends' sympathizing with his marvellous ralents, but this was a perversion of the brain behind those ralents", he said.

Mr Boyle stuck by his account f the "fifth man" identified his book by his code-name f "Basil".

Enterprise

By Peter Hill Industrial Editor

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The entire board of the National Enterprise Board resigned last night. This emerged after a meeting between the board, chaired by Sir Leslie Murphy and Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry.

the crisis which developed be-tween the NEB and the Rolls-Royce chairman, Sir Kenneth Keith, came as a shock since it had been expected that the Government would seek to effect a compromise. However, it appears that the

industry Secretary pre-empted any question of the board members tendering their resignation by outlining the plans for control of Rolls-Royce by asking for them to resign. The resignation was affect imme-The Government was under

empasse which had neveroped over Rolls-Royce's request that supervision of its activities be transferred from the NEB to the Department of Industry. the Department of Industry.

But the dismissal of the board will have much wider ramifications for the Government especially in its relationships with industry. For the board of the NEB included a number of important and influential businessmen whose reputations are of long stand-

party, is acutely disappointed that any attempt to introduce an Irish dimension into the talks, which are to be chaired by Mr Atkins, will be ruled out of order. Another senior industrialist, Mr Alastair Frame, joint chairman and chief executive of Rio Tinto Zinc Corporation, has been close to the higher echelons of the Conservative administration.

30,000 BL workers

By Clifford Webb and Donald Macintyre

Thirty thousand British Ley-land car workers were on strike last night and production of Jaguars, Triumphs, Allegros and Minis was at a standstill as wor-lars. Property of their shop Minis was at a standard as workers answered their shop stewards' call for an all-out strike to force the company to reinstate Mr Derek Robinson.

BL last night rejected a call by the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' executive for reinstatement of Mr Robin-

me the company said that if the union felt that be had been unreasonably dismissed, it could take the matter through existing procedure "once the employees resume normal work

Most of BL's 90,000 employeas went to their factories as usual. However, many said they were awaiting the outcome of yesterday's meeting of all BL senior stewards before making a decision on strike action. That could mean more widespread

disruption today.

The shop stewards called on all 11 unions at BL as a material of the state of and 11 unions at BL "as a mat-ter of urgency" to declare the dispute official. They urged BL plants to support the action of 17,000 men on strike at Mr Robinson's own plant, Long-bridge

bridge. The 250 senior stewards had been ralled to a meeting with union officials to discuss the company's latest wage offer.
They quickly rejected it and spent most of the time debating the dismissal of Mr Robinson and the "dismissal next time warning issued to three other officials after distribution of a pamphlet opposing the streamlining plan.

Inquiry refused

Sir Harold Wilson's call for a public inquiry into the death of one of his constituents, Mr James Kelly, aged 53, a labourer, while in police custody at Huyton, Lancashire, has been rejected by Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Sectors of A report on police inretary. A report on police investigations into Mr Kelly's death is due on Friday. It will be sent to the Director of



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'ambia puts orces onfor father's var footing lisbury, Nov 20

Tension mounted along the redesia and Zambia roday fer President Kaunda of mbia announced he was putalert, but stopped short of

President Kaunda's move fol-wed a series of Zimbabwe rodestan commando strikes ainst Zambie's road and rail idges which have virtually vered Lusaka from the rest of rered Lusaka from the rest of

is not confirmed the attacks e Prime Minister Bishop Abel e rrane Mmister islanop Adea uzorewa, threw down the austier by amsouncing that are rce applied by President aunda against Zimbabwa Rho-sia would be met by a force r greater than be has experi-

uzorewa edded in an acidiy orded statement, would be sastrous for the unfortunate imbian masses who are being d blindly to total descruction a result of his completely realistic actions and plans.

He added that President and was making another of the completely hents which would further conase the Zambian people. ident Kaunda has called the mobilization of National

ervice graduates and the 18-all of army and air force fficers and other ranks who and recently rerired or resigned com the services. He called on Il Zambians to be vigilant but rarned them not to take the fir into their own hands.

The President called upon the nernational community to ome to Zambia's aid, asking for wance for both Zambia and he Patriotic Front guerrilla and he Patriotic Front guerrilla aganization to "fight this just war to its logical conclusion."

He also placed full responsibility on Britain for the attacks ality on Britain for the attacks

-a charge which was rejected

y the British High Commission

n Lusaka, which said it could

not accept responsibility for the

uctions of the illegal regime in

halisbury.

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Murdoch bid

Dress group

Mr. Rupert Murdoch (right),
proprietor of many British,
American and Australian news papers, has ennounced plans to take over the Herald and Weekly Times Ltd, the largest father was the chairman of the Melbourne Herald. If his bid succeeds he will be the most newspaper magnate

15pc mortgages A record mortgage interest rate of 15 per cent from the reginning of next year will est certainly be the ourcom of an emergency meeting of the

Page 19 Secret warnings

Secret messages which passed between Washington and the United States Embassy in Tehran have been made public by the students occupying the embassy. They show that the State Department was warned of the repercussions of the Shah's entry to the United Page 7

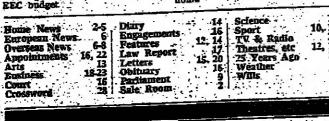
Prince in Ulster The Prince of Wales made a six-hour visit to Northern Ireland to see the three regiments of which he is colonel and colonel-in-chief and tasted the head-history in a prival service in hardships of active service in the province. He caught his troops by surprise as he leapt from a Wessex helicopter normally used to spot and chase IRA terrorists

lawyers say security chief held back evidence

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Information Bill the first casualty

By Fred Emery Political Editor The first government casualty of the Blunt scandal is its controversial Protection of Official Information Bill, which

Mrs Thatcher yesterday con-teded to the Commons would not now be proceeded with " in the present circumstances The Bill, designed to replace the much contested section 2 of the Official Secrets Act, of the Official Secrets Act, 1911, had aroused protests from news organizations and their supporters from the soment it was introduced in the House of Lords on October 25. But that protest would be the beautiful the protest would be the pro probably have been over-ridden; sudden death arrived only with the Blunt disclosure and the belief among politicians in all parties that had the new Bill been enected the affair might never have been

Cheers from all sides of the Commons, interspersed with some Labour jeers, greeted Mrs Thatcher's announcement question time. Afterwards

was admitted in Whitehall that the Government had not yet considered how the proposed change in the Official Secrets Act might be reintroduced. It could be a long time hence. Certainly the Bill's innovation of a Minister authorizing prose curion of a disclosure on his sole certification that national harm might otherwise ensue is dead. Ministers accept that with Prime Ministers baving apparently been unaware of the Blunt immunity bargain it would be grotesque to imagine that public confidence in mini-sterial say so could quickly be

assured.

The Bill's interment together with a flurry of written answers preceded the full-dress debate on the Blunt affair in the Commons today, at which Mrs. Thatcher promises to a measured smrement.

make a measured statement. MPs' curiosity will have been further aroused, not only by Professor Blunt's statements, but by Mrs Thatcher's new declaration that she has not changed the arrangements for Continued on page 2, col 3 | Public Prosecutions

Thatcher-Giscard dialogue ends in each brandishing the Community law and of the Community as a

By Charles Hargrove There are two ways of looking at the Franco-British "summit" which ended in London yester-day. The first is as a dialogue between two deaf people, each standing his own ground firmwith a look over his shoulder at his own public opinion; each brandishing the law of the Community, and accusing the other of being in breach of either the letter or the spirit

other is of two leaders caught on the horns of a dilemma. President Giscard d'Estaing's lies in the fact that he has a genuine admiration for Mrs Thatcher and for what for Mrs Thatcher and for what she is trying to do to put Britain right; and sympathy with Britain's difficulties over the Community budget. He would like to help the Prime Minister, because he feels it is not only in her own inter-est, but also in that of France

whole, that Britain should be a strong and healthy partner. He said so more or less ex-plicitly in his toast at Monday night's dinner at 10 Downing Street, and again at yesterday's press conference. But he does not want to do anything either at the expense of French interests, or of the rules of the Community as they now stand. Mrs Thatcher has a dilemma

too. She has said more than once that she is a completely committed member of the EEC; but at the same time, she is pressing for a change in the rules upon which it is based. This laid her open to the French President's rather tart remark at the press conference, that there was something "a little paradoxical" in asking for their revision with respect the Community budget; and in-sisting on their strict enforce-

President Giscard d'Estaing added that France would observe Community rules on lamb when the organization of the European sheepmean market had been set up. in accordance with the spirit of the Rome treaty. Mrs Thatcher said that

Britain could not be compelled to pay such huge sums to the Community budget next year, when its contribution was so patently inequitable, and the situation in which it found itself so obviously in contradiction with the spirit of this same Rome treaty. She emphasized that the Community would die if one could never change its rules; while President Giscard d'Estaing feels it would dissolve into a free-trade area if one did it to suit each member country's

What looks on the face of it Continued on page 6, col 3

day described as "unique". Like the non-secturian Alliance Party, the SDLP intends taking part in the talks, which could last till the spring. Mr Firt said : "We have not Mr Fitt said: "We have not had anything like it in Northern Ireland before. It seems to be soing out of its way to look for safeguards for the minority Catholic population. The Government has never previously accepted anything like this." Mr Paisley, who is in Brussels, said that devolution has on offer but in a lengthy statement he failed to mention

statement he failed to mention the extensive action on security that had been his pre-condition for joining the talks. Mr Molyneaux is in grave danger of being outflanked by his ambitious rival.

Mr Atkins told a press conserved that the Congruption

ference that the Government was advancing no preference for any of the six options for devolved power set out in the working paper, and he admitted that probably none of them would in the end be the one chosen.

The options start with a devolution of all powers except defence, foreign affairs, the defence, foreign affairs, the economy, the courts, and law and order, to a parliament based on the old Stormont model. This might involve a Bill of Rights to present dis Bill of Rights to prevent dis-crimination against the mino-

They then range down to a nere handing over of tradimere handing over of tract-tional local government powers similar to those vested with local councils on the mainland. Every model contains provisions to protect the interests of

Mr Atkins refused to be draw on Mrs Margaret Tharcher's apparent suggestion of an "imposed solution" if the Northern Ireland parries cannot agree, and inferred that cannot agree, and interred that the Government will settle for devolving the most minor of powers if that is the best it can get. That, it is argued, would be something upon which is progress could be based.

It is a finely-balanced docu-ment and one which Mr Gerald Firt, leader of the SDLP, yester-

Mr Tarling jailed for hiding share profits The case had cost him (125,000 in legal fees, He was disappointed with the verdict which would discourage invest-

Singapore, Nov 20 Mr Richard Tarling the Slater Walker executive extra-dited from Britain last March ment in Singapore.
At the end of the 59-day trial Mr Kulasekaram, the prewas sentenced to six month's roday illegally concealing unexpected profits from the shareholders of Haw Par International.

Mr Tarling, 45, was released on ball pending an appeal, but he said later that he would surrender himself to the Singa-pore authorities on Thursday to serve his sentence. He said he had decided to

serve his septence to hasten his return to his family in Britain. He would otherwise have to remain abroad for as long as two years while lawyers pre-pared his appeal.

He said that after be was

admitted to Singapore's central jail in Changi District, he would continue to take legal action to clear his name.

the Hongkong Stock Exchange. Mr Tarling's lawyers claim that because they were unusual and non-recurring.
Mr Kulasekaram also rejected

siding judge of the Hi

of Singapore rejected a con-tention by the defendant than

executives of Haw Par were not

obliged to disclose a windfall of \$7.3m in profits, accrued on

a claim that Mr Tarling was an infrequent resident in Singa-pore and therefore was not pore and therefore was not involved in the day-to-day running of Haw Par. The judge added that Mr Tarling had treated Haw Par as part of Slater Walker, Singapore, and had, in fact, controlled and

I simply flew when he said



day spent six hours on a sur-prise visit to Northern Ireland, including a trip to IRA fre-quented country near the

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The Prince visited three British regiments of which he is colonel and colonel-in-chief and tasted the hardships of active He caught his troops by sur-prise as he leapt from a Wessex

helicopter normally used to spot and chase terrorists.
The Prince hastily changed the regimental insignia on his battledress in the short flights herween stations. Only a hand-

ful of people at Buckingham Palace and in Government and the Armed Services knew of His first stop was in Armagh on the edge of the notorious

murder triangle, where he visited the headquarters of The Gordon Highlanders. Then, passing over some dangerous terrorist countryside, he visited the border post of Middletown, landing in a field strewn with Cowpats.
The Prince, looking cheerful

and relaxed, then went to see the muddy, cramped conditions at Crossmaglen, manned by the Prince of Wales's Company of The Welsh Guards, and the The Welsh Guards, and the border post of Forthill, manned by the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment—16 of whose mem-bers were killed in the bomb attack and ambush at Warren

The Prince had lunch at The Welsh Guards' headquarters at Bessbrook, where he met many men in the front line of the fighting before flying onto his final stop at Ballykindler. The Parachute Regiments headRAF side of Aldergrove airport, Belfast at 10 am. Throughout bis stay he was crowded by security that was tight even by Northern Ireland standards. Armed companions escorted him even in the comparative

safety of military compounds. Helicopters, each carrying a dozen armed soldiers, circled overhead during his journey The Prince seemed totally unperturbed by the activity sur-rounding him and took the opportunity to speak to many soldiers about day-to-day life in

Lieutenant - General Timothy Breasey, General Officer Commanding, summed up their feelings when he said: "I think it has been a most rewarding day for the Army and, in particular, for the three

regiments. "This is a tremendous boost for our already high morale that he has visited three battalions on the border. We are delighted he is here."

Regimental Sergeant Major Emlyn Pridham, of The Welsh Guards, from Port Talbot, said: "Tremendous, It has made all the difference to the Guards that the Prince has come here of all places to see them."

The Welsh Guards lost a man in a bombing incident a week

The Prince flew back to Heathrow airport shortly after 5 pm. It was his idea to visit his regiments in Northern Ireland. An official at Bucking ham Palace said that both the Queen and Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, trip and had given their

Mr Lynch 'Panorama' attacked on editor border deal reprimanded

From George Clark

Mr Jack Lynch, Prime Mini-ster of the Irish Republic, said in Dublin less night that influence brought to bear by United States politicians could well have prodded Mrs Margaret Thatcher and her Government to hurry forward the new con-stitutional proposals for Northern Ireland published

Mr Lynch came under attack in the Dail yesterday for not disclosing to Irish MPs the details of his agreement with the United Kingdom for British military aircraft to fly over Irish territory near the border during security operations.

He said that the corridor over which the British aircraft could fly was certainly not a 10-mile corridor, but he was not prepared, for security reasons, to disclose the exact details Dr Garret FitzGerald, leader of the Fine Gael party, for the opposition, thought that Mr

Lynch's recent visit to the United States had produced a response from the politicians there which had brought pressure to bear on the United Kingdom Government.
In London last week the Official Unionists had suggested that Mrs Thatcher had been

pushed into producing a new set of proposals without ade-Mr Lynch reserved his judg-

ment on the details of the proposals, but he thought an element of powersharing for the minority community was

By Kenneth Gosling

Mr Roger Bolton, editor of Panorama, was found guilty yesterday of a breach of the spirit of BBC rules rather than the letter and reprimanded over what has become known as the Carrickmore incident, Both he and Mr John Gau,

head of current affairs who was reprimanded on Friday, will remain in their posts. The outcome was regarded by the National Union of Journa-

lists as reasonable. It averted what could have been a stoppage by BBC journalists.

There had been fears that Mr Bolton's would be the "bead on a plate" as a result of severe criticism of the Panorana film crew's action in going to Carrickmore, co Tyrone, last month, after a tipoff and filming JRA men as part of a programme about IRA history. In the Commons, the Prime Minister called on the BBC to put its house in order. The rules on filming in Ire-land are being tightened and refer directly to Mr James
Hawthorne, BBC Controller,
Northern Ireland, Mr Gerard Mansell, acting director-general of the BBC, who conducted the

disciplinary hearings, has admitted that the present rules are capable of misconstruction.

Both Mr Bolton and Mr Gau will be able to appeal. The union has expressed satisfac-tion that the journalists directly involved were exonerated.

Transfer of power to Ulster urged

By Alan Hamilton It is the Government's clearly stated desire to see as wide a range of powers as possible transferred to Northern Ireland, provided the minority voice in the province is fully safeguarded. That is stated in the government conference working paper on the govern-ment of Northera Ireland, pub-lished yesterday.

But the paper also gives a warning that any such transfer cannot and must not be frustrated by terrorism.

Recognizing that for several years Ulster has had less esponsibility for its affairs than any other part of the United Kingdom, Mr Humphrey Atkins, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, has now drawn up the detailed framework for the discussions on the province's future.

The conference, the working

paper says, will be concerned essentially with a transfer of powers within the United Kingdom. Its task will be to estab-lish the highest level of agree-ment on how to do that in ways that will best meet the immedi-ate needs of Northern Ireland. The working paper states: It is at present the clear wish of a substantial majority of the people in Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom. The conference will therefore not be concerned with the constitutional status of the Province and

tional status of the Province and will not be asked to discuss issues such as Irish unity, or confederation, or independence.

Nor, since there is no serious prospect of agreement on them, will the conference be invited to consider either a return to the arrangements which prevailed before 1972, or a revival of the system which obtained in the first five months of 1974. New patterns must be sought which take full five months of 1974. New patterns must be sought which take full account of the needs and anxesties of both sides of the community.

The objective of the Government is the transfer of as wide a range of powers as can be agreed including, if acceptable arrangements can be made, all the powers transferred under the 1973 Constitution Act. While the Government will be ready to recomment will be ready to recommend to Parliament any workable transfer of powers which may be acceptable to the people of Northmen Ireland as a whole, there are in its view certain principles which must be observed. These are:

The powers should be transferred to the elected representatives of the people of Northern Ireland: and the overriding authority of a local power to take revenue by taxation will remain with Westminster; but this would not rule out the possibility of a local power

Bill to be dropped in

wake of Blunt affair

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political control of the Security

Service MI5 from those set out

in 1952, and confirmed in 1963.

To those who understood from earlier insistence, inclu-

ding that by Minuisters, that she had taken the necessary steps to see that the Prime

Minister should never again be left in the dark over major

security matters, the explana-

that had changed, but the way

ther explanations from the Prime Minister bur she says

tehat it is all as set out in the

directive of September 24, 1952, given by Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary, and its principles endorsed by Lord Denning's report in 1963. They will no doubt also want her to

make clear the extent of the Queen's knowledge in the Blun:

In further written enswers

been members of the Diplomatic Service".

MPs will no doubt pursue fur-

that it was not the rules



will (as elsewhere in the United Kingdom) be preserved. In the words of the Statement of October 25, there will have to be "reasonable and appropriate arrangements to take account the interests of the minority the interests of the minority". Those arrangements will have to be acceptable to both sides of the community and also to the Government. The political divisions of the people of Northern Ireland are such that the alternation of the parties in government which his so important a feature of the Westminster system is unlikely to take place. In the Government's view it is essential for a transfer of it is essential for a transfer of powers to be made in a way which will take account of the interests of both parts of the community.

Under any new arrangements,

the Cabinet Office.

As for the "tip off" to Mir

advance of her answer, Mrs

Thatcher stated that " in view

of the previous publicity " she had thought this " reasonable".

do this, since there were no grounds on which criminal-

proceedings could be insti-tured", her written answer, said in fact, MP's were anary not over this last point, which was well understood, but at the

appearance of a collusion between Mrs Thatcher's staff

Professor Blunt's, Ministers

agree they miscalculated the political impact of the "tip-off"

Her other written answer was

Parliamentary report, page 9.

that no decision had yet been taken by the Government

"There was no reason not to

in Northern Ireland will continue as at present to be assessed on the basis of need, and to be financed basis of need, and to be financed with support as decessary from the United Kingdom Exchequer.

The transfer of powers, which, the Government bopes, can be agreed at the conference on the basis of these principles, need not be completed in one operation. It may be appropriate and desirable to consider arrangements for a progressive transfer over a period of time. The Government will take whatever decisions are needed to of time. The Government will take whatever decisions are needed to implement any arrangements agreed in the conference provided that those arrangements appear likely to be broadly acceptable to the people of Northern Ireland as a whole.

The key issues to which the conference will need to address likely are: Institutions, what kind of elected body or bodies, how chosen, and with what form of executive body;
The subjects in respect of which powers are to be transferred to

powers are to be transferred to the institutions; the extent of the power in each case, and whether and to what extent it should be legislative executive, or advisory;
The way in which powers are to
be exercised by the chosen institutions so as to safeguard the
interests of the minority com-

In another part of the working paper it states:
It is in the Government's view essential to recognize that the

particular circumstances of Northern Ireland require special arrangements to be made to pro-tect the position of the minority community and to specify the role of its representatives in whatev new arrangements are adopted: This is because, given the bas This is because, given the basis on which support for political parties in Northern Ireland rests, the representatives of the minority community campt so broaden their appeal as to expect to win office by way of any future election. Moreover, it is the perception of the minority community that the majority, in the exercise of the powers of government have failed to take proper account of immority interests. In this situation it is necessary, if new arrangements for Northern Ireland are to gain the public confidence on

gain the public confidence on which stability depends, that they should embrace a formula that gives appropriate recognition to the rights of both the majority and minority communities. A wide range of devices is available to help to protect the position of the minority within different systems of government. The choice of which to use depends to some extent on the nature of the chosen institutional framework. nature of the chosen institutional framework and the extent of powers to be exercised. But most are adaptable in some form or other to any arrangements for the exercise of either executive or legislative powers.

First there is the possibility of various kinds (and degrees) of

direct participation by minority representatives in those areas of government involving the taking of decisions. Thus, in an executive made up of individuals each of whom was political head of a department, provision could for example be made for the Executive posts to be filled, by appointment, recognising certain criteria, as in 1973; in precoration to the provision by the provision of the provision of the provision of the provision of the provision by the provision of the pr ngths In in proportion to party strengths the elected body (assembly) by election either by the assem-or by the electorate as a whole.

or by the electorate as a whole.

If executive powers resided in committees, each having responsibility for certain subjects, minority participation could take the form of a share of chairmanships and or seats on committees. This could apply not only to executive committees but also (as was envisaged in the 1975 Convention Report) to non-executive committees.

Finally...it would he possible to Finally, it would be possible to devise a range of statutory sale-guards against abuse of power that would be specified from the out-

would be specified from the outset of the transfer of powers.
These could be incorporated into
a single Bill of Righm; unamendable by the local legislature, and
laying down insticable guidelines
with which local laws could not
conflict.
This would be in addition to the
institutional safeguards already in
existence, for example the present
Ombudsmen. General oversight of
himan rights could rest with an
independent agency:

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NGA elects a Communist as national officer

By Paul Routledge-Lebour Editor

MP's in both parties and other sources had seriously speculated over spies in other British Ministries and swan-in Members of the National Graphical Association (NGA), the craft princing union, have slected for firsts Communist national officer by secret Blunt's lawyer last week in ballot.

In an election which may undermine some politicians hopes for the secret ballot's moderating effects, Mr. George, Jerrom, aged 46, a reader at the Daily Mail, has won national office at the second try. He had 31,195 votes against 26,246 for his opponent, Mr. Christopher Harding, a machine manager. The poll was about 66 per cent. Mr Jerrom has been a mem-

ber of the NCA's lay national council for the past six years with a short break. He is a former chairman of the union's health and safety committee and was active in the Association of Correctors of the Press, a very small union which went into the NGA smalgamation of

craft printing organizations.
National elections in the NGA
are conducted at the workplace.

through branches and chapele to eligible members, who return mem sealed to their branch office, where they are opened and counted. The result is for-

warded to head office.
This is the first time a Communist Party member has NGA. Mr Jerrom is expected to paper industry.

dispute with composing room members of the NGA over introduction of its colour magazine. The first issue went out with the newspaper yesterday (Don-ald Macintyre writes). Talks on matters arising from

the magazine's introduction are to begin on Friday. The NGA chapel (office branch) had been asking for a £7,000 payment to be made to it in compensation because the magazine was being produced at an outside printing The NGA members returned

to work after heeding an instruction from union leaders not settle for less than 25 per to return to normal working tent, their president said.

Sir Derek Ezra is warned by Mr Scargill

Mr Arthur Scorgill, leader of the Yorkshire miners, yesterday told Sir Derek Erra, National told Sir Derek Ema, National Coal Board chairman, to may out of the National Union of Mineworkers' affeirs.

His blunt warning came after Sir Derek's open letter to Mr. Joseph Gormley, the union's president urging the miners to accept the board's final offer a of 20 per cent

Evening News back: The Evening News appeared again yesterday after settlement of a the board did not keep out of

The miners are demanding rises of up to 55 per cent, with £140 for face workers and £80

for surace men.
"It is clear that Sir Derek and the Coal Board are prepered to go to any lengths to persuade the miners to vote against their union," Mr Scar-gill said.

gill said.

"We are calling on all branches to mount the biggest. campaign ever seen in this coalfield, to win an overwhelming rejection of the wages offer."

Mountbatte. trial ruling today on defence cal

Dublin
The judges in the Ma.
batten murder trial et
Special Criminal Court
Dublin are 10 rule this mor on whether there is suffievidence to constitute a p facie case against Fri McGirl, one of the two d

Mr Seamus Egan, for defence of Mr McGirl, tolc court yesterday that the egainst his client was mad of family and du components, and could no components and could no made it without "guest theorising and folling in gather theorising and folling in gather theorising and thomas McMa aged 31, of Carrickmanous Monaghan, both deny muing Lord Mountbatten Burma when his boat explant Mullaghmore co Slign

et Mullaghmore co Sligo August 27. Mr Egan said that the w case against his client based on suspicion, but that was not conclu Dr James Donovan, directi ireland's forensic sci ireland's foreusic sci leboratory, had conceded those substances could re

several weeks.

He added: "There could large number of people Ireland with traces of i substances on their clothin the same day." There were such substances found on McGnt's hand and finger. notwirbstanding that they dirty. The traces found not connected by evidence the substances that were to explode the vessel, Sh

The second portion of dence related to sand and wholly inconclusive, he as because the tests carried by Dr Donovan were in quate: Dr Donovan said he not an expert in sand, and devalued his evidence. It not been proved that the came from Muliaghmore.

The shird partion of evidence is a shirt partion of evidence in the shirt particular shirt particu related to the verbal state allegedly made by Mr M. that he "put no bomb in boar". "The presecution to give it a simister interption by suggesting that, at time the remark was made accused would not have be accused would not have ke that anything had happens Mullaghmore", Mr Egan He found the evidence credible. The accused given an account of his n "Even the wording of remark: 'I gust no boml the boat', would seem to

before".

Not the slightest particl peint had been found on client's clothing. There wa evidence that he had set in the yellow Cortina car, with police allege was used. There was no evidencing set that some flake paint found in the red Escort, which his client been driving when stoppe been driving when stoppe the police, came from him Egan said.
The trial continues today

gest that a bomb and a must have been menti-

Correction

before".

COTTECTION

In a report yesterday hea "Polaris challenge by churc. a paragraph of direct spanishing: "As a European I to confess to a constant washout America" was write attributed to Mr Giles Eccles, secretary of the Board for S Responsibility of the Churc England. The speaker was Derek Pattinson, secretary eral of the General Synod of Church of England.



Two small reasons why we must go on caring.

The people of Cambodia have suffered too much. Two million people have died. Many of them little children. Understandably many of the survivors are in a critical state.

But there is hope. Food and trucks are now arriving. We must make sure that they continue to do so until new crops can be harvested. Otherwise thousands more will die. And that must not happen again.

That's why your help is so important-continuing help over the coming months. Signing the bankers order form below for a few pounds a month could make a world of difference. If you can't do that send any donation - whatever you can afford. Thank you.

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whether to hold an inquiry into the Blunt affair. As reported yesterday Mrs Thatcher dis-closed that mention of other "public services" under investigation for Soviet pene-tration in her answer last week unmasking Professor Blunt had been "intended to in The Times yesterday, Mini-sters do not intend to hold one, but will make their final decision after the debate today. Sir Michael Havers, in written answers, asserted that no other persons had been given immunity from prosecution in the Burgess-Maclean affair. allow for the tact that Mr Burgess and Mr Maclean had

Complaint.

Law Society move to make conveyancing cheaper By Marcel Berlins

Legal Correspondent
The Law Society is to discuss with estate agents, local authorities and other bodies involved in house-buying.

monopoly of conveyancing work but suggested that some

is in the interests of the public that consultation on convey-

the Law Society also announces

a small Turner landscape and an interior in Cairo by J. F. Lewis. The next highest price in the sale of "important English drawnass and watercolours" was \$5,000 for a river landscape in Devon by Rowlandson.

Rowlandson.

The distinction in price is essentially a reflection of demand rather than aesthetic interest. The Turner is a view of "Rough from St Camerine's Hill" in watercolourand bodycolour on grey-blue

and bodycolour on grey-blue paper. It measures 5tin by 710 paper. It measures 5th by 7th and belongs to a series of sketches made by Turner on rivers of

made by the france.

It was bought by the Lener Gallery who clearly agreed with Ruskin about the drawing which Christie's had estimated at £10,000.

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fits,000. Ruskin wrote: "No drawing in the great series of the rivers of France surpasses this, and few equal it."

that it is to discuss with the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux the possibility of more solicitors being avail-

authorities and other bodies involved in house-buying.

Legal Services, which reported last month, recommended that is done on legal aid. Their job solicitors should retain their would be to promote better coordination, among hypericates. coordination among barristers, solicitors, law centres, citizens simplification of the process advice burezu, social workers, was possible.

The Law Society says that it authorities.

The Law Society says that it supports another Royal Comancing reform should begin as mission proposal which would oon as possible. have the effect of placing all lo a statement responding to degal aid, criminal and civil. the Royal Commission's report, under one government depart-

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent

Two drawings in yesterday's sale at Christie's brought £45,000, a small Turner landscape and an interior in Cairo by J. F. Lewis.

The next highest price in the sale

Ruskin. the great nineteenth the Tyrol", 1911n by 24tm soid for £1,300 (£800-£1,200). A lepted to push J. F. Lewis. Ho pencil and watercolour sketch arote in glowing terms of of "Madrid from the Buen Lenis's Middle Eastern scenes, whose prices have soared at unsold at £950 (estimate £1,200-£1,800). Christie's sale rotalled

The watercolour offered ves-terday, "The Arab Scribe-Caito" measured 184 in by

had advised interested pur-chasers to "refer Christie's."

Cairo measured 184 in by Christie's were busy in Cairo measured 184 in by Cenera yesterday. Their sale of 24 in Christie's bad not published an estimate in their list 4363,356 with 16 per cent un-

timidity; the watercolour was gold, diamond and stone-set the most expensive Lewis sold watch and chatelaine by D.

Leger agrees with Ruskin on Turner

Ballot papers are distributed **Passport Office**

one-day strike Passport Office clerical staff neld a one-day strike yesterday

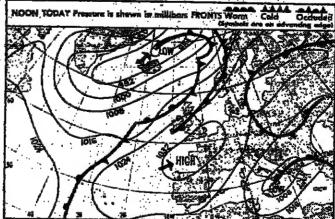
in protest against a Foreign Office decision to downgrade 200 workers. Civil and Public Servants Association members in London, Liverpool, Glasgow and Peter-borough walked out after fail-ing to get talks with the man-

agement.
Mr Clive Bush, spokesman for the association, said: "We see the downgrading as an attempt by the Foreign Office to fit in by the Foreign Office to fit in with government cuts. But we are so short staffed that casual labour has to be employed, and they are getting a higher rate than permanent staff."

Air Bush said that demands on the passport service had increased sharply.

"Last year the average wait for a new passport was 10

Weather forecast and recordings staff hold



coordination among barristers, solicitors, law centres, citizens advice bureau, social workers, probation officers and local authorities.

The Law Society says that it supports another Royal Commission proposal which would have the effect of placing all degal aid, criminal and civil.

Last year the average wait for a new passport was 10 weeks. "he said." That was a direct result of staff shortages, advice of placing all degal aid, criminal and civil.

under one government department.

Turner

With Ruskin on Turner

Ruskin, the great nineteenth-contary art critic, has also helped to push J. F. Lewis, He watercolour effered years whose prices have soared at auctions in the last year.

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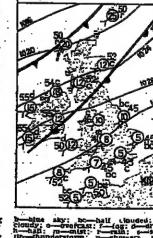
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timidity; the watercolour was gold, diamond and stone-set the most expensive Lewis sold at auction, by a margin of Li,000. It was interesting to note that Spanish subjects are not in demand, although from the same artists hand.

A Lewis "Peasants and a Monk at a Roadside Shrine in for a Louis XV four colour gold diamond and stone-set the water of Louis and stone-set the water of Loudon.

WEATHER REPORTS VESTERDAY MIDDAY - C, cloud; 6, drizzle; fair; r, rain; s, sun; su, soow.

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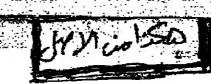


day: Bright at first in Safter but cloudy on Friday with a raim. Cloud and rain in followed by brighter sho-weather; temp near normal.

Yesterday

London: Temp: Max 6 am pm, 7°C (45°F); min 6 pm am, 3°C (37°F). Humidity, 5 91 per cent. Rain, 24 hr 40 5 mil. Sun, 24 hr 40 6 pm, nil. mean sea level, 6 pm 1032,3 f bars, rising.





Scotland Yard officer Spinal unit stays open after revolt by patients

Commander James Neville, t Scotland Yard, orrives in Vakefield today to help West orkshire police in the inhunt

In spite of earlier denials at Scotland Yard would be alled in, Mr Ronald Gregory, hief Constable of West York-wire, discussed the Ripper Nuisy with sir David McNee, Metropolitan Police Comle Metropolitan Police Comrissioner, in London last reek, and it was decided that senior police officer from coland Yard should go to orkshire to assist the inquiry.

Mr Gregory said yesterday at Commender Nevitle would of take charge of the inquiry.

'e would be briefed on its rogress, and any help that he ould give would be appre-

no Sheriock loimes or Kojak who could ive us instant success", he id. "Since we have not been accessful up to now, we are outlously considering what e should do next. We have of to consider that there may e another senior detective in he country with ideas dif-erent from our own. I know I great from our own. I know I
give mentioend in the past
har I would not call in Scotand Yard, but it has to be
nderstood that in police parmice calling in Scotland Yard

got together, he said, it was possible that they could think of somethmentations had not been mied.

Vakefield today to help West been tried.

Orkshire police in the irhunt or the Yorkshire Ripper, who Yorkshire of Mr Gregory's reas murdered 12 women in the orth of England over the past ance from Storland Yard, and of the appearent lack of progress made by West York hard Constable of West York hard Constable of West York hard Constable of West York hard characteristics from Storland Yard and of the appearent lack of progress made by West York hard Constable of West York hard project forces working on the inquiry. mounty.

Some of the credit for yes-Some of the credit for yesterday's amountement by Mr
Gregory that Commander
Neville was being called in is
being taken by Thames Television, whose programme TV
Eye tomorrow evening, examines the Yorkshare Ripper
inquiry Mr Robert Southgate,
the programme's reporter, interviews local people, including
prostitutes, who say that they prostitutes, who say that they are very frightened and feel that Scotland Yard should be sked to help.

Mr. Southgate elso interviews Mr Gregory, who says that the days of calling in Scotland Yard were almost gone. It was used in the past by small forces with lack of experience, he says but he was not plan. he says, but he was not plan-ning to do it in this case. Mr Southgate aid yesterday that filming had ended before Mr Gregory went to see Sir David McNes, Mr Gregory had been aware of the criticism.

stays open after revolt by patients

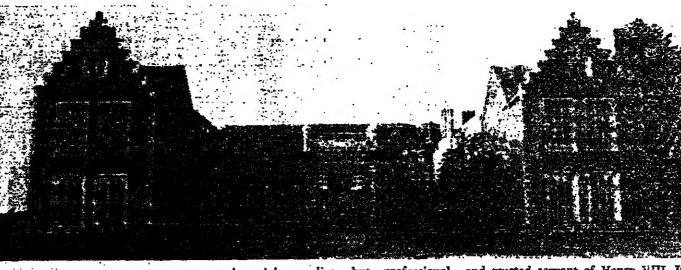
The government announced a repriete yesterday for the spinal unit at Stoke Mandeville Huspital, near Aylesbury. The move coines after an occupation by parients in wheelchairs protesting at Dians by Bucking, hamshare Area Health Authority to close two wards. ority to close two wards.

The decision was given by Dr Gerard Vanghan, Minister of Health, in a Commons wratten reply He also visited the hospital, to tell the patients that its future was

Nearly two weeks ago Buck-ingham health authority postbeds in an attempt to cut

The stay of exemion was gained by 70 parients who paraded through wards with placards and chained themselves to ward doors. A hundred of them were at the hospital yesterday to meet Dr. Vaugham, Demonstrators from health service unitess were also present.

They cheered Dr Vaughan when he said: "I came here today to make sure the unit stays open. It is not just a local but a national mix. Nine out of 10 patients come from outside the area. The government has the responsibility to make sure itis safeguarded." As well as promising ne fur-ther reduction in the 110 beds. Dr Vanghan said one spinal ward closed by staff shortages, would be reopened soon. He would be reopened soon. He has agreed to resume the rec-ruisment of norses:



Getty home for sale; Sutton Place, near Guildford, Surrey, home of the estimates put it at several millions. late J. Paul Getty, the oil millionaire, who died in 1976, is to be sold (our

it might realize, but professional The sale is through Linton Residential, of London. The house, which Mr Getty acquired from the Duke of Sutherland Estates Correspondent writes). No one in 1959, was built between 1521 and is hastening to put a figure on the price 1526 by Sir Richard Weston, a friend

neither claim nor suggest that and comprehensive rules to any drink can contribute safeguard against brand advertowards sexual success, or make the drinker more attractive to the opposite sex."

The code states that lem."

By acopting more expirite that and comprehensive rules to safeguard against brand advertising encouraging misuse, they have made a significant contribution to tackling the prob-

and trusted servant of Henry VIII. It was one of the first private house; to be built without fortification. Sutton Place has survived the senturies with remarkably little change and has a grade one listing as being of special architectural or historic interest.

Threat to

butchers

By Our Agriculture

ramaly butchers were a disappearing species, Mr Edward Redmond, manaaging directorr of Euchan Meat Producers, the largest meat cooperative in Scotland, said yesterday. "I think it will happen because there is suchhcompetition among High Street supermarkers" he said

They enjoyed a small per-centage of the freshifood trade where profit margins

were higher than on processed foods such as baked beans.

"It is the younger housewife who buys a larger and larger share of her mest from the

supermarker, Mr Redmond said at a press conference in London abour

meat marketing that two-thirds

of the trade in processed gro-ceries was held by only six

family

Correspondent

kets", he said.

A survey of oil pollution round the British listes concludes that the Government and industry have failed to tackle the difficulties, and that international law has proved equally ineffective.

menace

By Pearce Wright

Science Editor

to sea birds

'enormous'

That is the judgment contained in a report submitted to the Royal Commission on Environmental Poliution by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

Oil pollution

Records covering more than 70 years, from the first known oil spill off the Isles of Sciely. show an acceleration of damage to marine life over the

past few years.

In the worst period on record, between October, 1973, and June 1979, 16 pollution incidents killed more than 12.000 sea-birds. Of those, nine incidents killed more than 7.000 birds eff the coasts of nuth birds off the coasts of north Scotland, Orkney and Sherland. Scotland, Orkney and Sherland.
An indication of the decline in colonies is highlighted at Freshwater. Isle of Wight, where a roral of 3,000 guillemost in 1937 had dropped to 1,200 by 1946, to 90 by 1967, and to 39 by 1972.

The report says that birds like divers, grebes, sea-duck, and auks are most vulnerable.
More than 40 recommendation, are made in the docu-

tions are made in the docu-ment, Marine Oil Pollution and Birds. concerning pretention.
legislation. enforcement,
research and development.
They are based on the opinion that with the development of North Sea oil fields and increase in tanker traffic, the potential for damage to densely packed populations, parti-cularly off Scotland, is ener-

recommendations clude: extension of the three-mile limit at sea to 12 miles; enlarging the United King-dom's jurisdiction over foreign vessels; joint action by the EEC coastal states against oil pollution; and better policing of the seas, so that ships discharging oil can be detected and fined heavily.

PHILIPS

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teeth of children

Higher than normal levels of admium have been found in eeth from children in the vilage of Shipham, Somerset, netal have been found.

Preliminary survey results now that the concentration of he made heavy metal was an versee one than higher than hat found in Bristol children and some of the teeth from the hiphem children, who were sed between nine and 15, had wice the normal level.

The survey was carried out by the Medical Research Countil's Dental Unit in Bristol and a reported in a letter to the

british Dental Journal.

Dr Maurice Stack, the blochemist in charge of the survey, said: "The findings are tot a cause for alarm. The con-ceptration is only one tends art per million.

"But we ought to ke rye on this and concentrate on he two housing estates built lirectly over the old mining rea. Until now we have been ampling the whole village." Righ levels of cadmium have seen found near some new touses that are closest to de-

unct lead and zinc mines.
The Mendip village come nto prominence last January vien it was disclosed that some parts of the parish were consumnated with cadmium.

The Government ordered a sealth inquiry and an interim report published lest October and that based on the limited esults then obtained, there was no general health hazard. The 1,092 villagers have been divised not to eat locally grown regerables.

cause of fatal injury? From Our Correspondent

Manchester
Chest injuries which led to the death of a man, aged 36, were most likely to have been caused by two kicks, a doctor told Mr Justice Tudor Evans at the High Court in Manchester yesterday.

Dr David Paul, a consultant, said he believed consideravie force would have been necessary to fracture four ribs and repriese the spleen of Edward. Platt, aged 36, in a clash with police at his home six years ago.

ago.
Mr. Plate's family is suing Mr. Plair's family is suing Greater Manchester police in a contested case. They are claiming damages arising out of his death five weeks after the incident in May, 1973.

Mrs. Norma Wood, aged 39, who has since remarked, has sleged that her former his-band was kicked in the chest by a policeman who, with

by a policental who, when others, had been called to the house by a doctor when Mr plett become violent after a

platt become violent after a drinking bout.

Mr Plant was said to have made a statement while ill in bed that he was kicked twice.

Dr Paul, a witness for Mr Platt's family, said he did not think the injuries could have been caused by colliding with a radiator or in a fall

He said: "A single kick would be the improbable cause. Two tricks would be necessary.

necessary.

Earlier, Mrs Wood said the police were polite and helpful at her hom in Woodstock Road, Moston, Manchester. She saw no undue violence by them.

The hearing continues today.

said yesterday.

intervention of the state.

Let us do something about

advertisements should not be Make juice from surplus apples, farmers urge EEC

ical mental or social incapa-ical, mental or social incapa-any drink can cont city, should not be the targets towards sexual success of alcohol advertising." make the drinker more a The new rules state that tive to the opposite sex."

been welconed by the Department of Health.

A revised code of practice
says that advertising must be
socially responsible. The immature, the young, the socially
mature, the young, the socially
insecure or those with physical responsibilities.

By Hugh Clayton Agriculture Correspondent British farmers want the EEC to curb its vast and worsening surplus of apples by investing in juice-extraction fac-

tories.
Officials of the National Farmers' Union said yesterday that the surplus bought by the EEC in Britain had risen to

well over 500,000 tons.

Sex banned from drink advertising

Advertising claims that a directed at young people or in moderate drinking is widely drink may encourage sexual any way encourage them to success were banned yesterday.

Advertisements can no drinking Mayone shown Advertisements can no drinking must be, and appear pleasant, but a significant minority of drinkers harm improve physical performance. The ban was announced by the Incorporated Society of British Advertisers and has been welcomed by the Department of British Advertisers and has been welcomed by the Department of Health.

A revised code of practice directed at young people or in moderate drinking is widely enjoyed and belps to make social occasions cheerful and drinking must be, and appear pleasant, but a significant minority of drinkers harm to be based on a dare, nor impute Sir George Young, Under Secretary at the Department of mot accept the challenge of a make social occasions cheerful and themselves

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"We hate to see these piles which is fairly frightening" of apples lying about", Mr Mr French said.

almost 10,000 tons this year from the 2,500 tons disclosed in The Times last week.

Most of the British surplus will be dumped under official supervision on farms although a small tounage willbe fed to plgs. The British excess is dwarfed, however, by a surplus throughout the Community of well over 500,000 tons.

Some of it will be left to rot jack French. chairman of the in orchards and some will be apparatus of the NFU said yesterday. Growers will meet Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agricultural conjugation of the in orchards and some will be apparatus of the NFU said yesterday. Growers will meet Mr Peter Walker, Minister of Agricultural conjugation will be apparatus of the NFU said yesterday. Growers will meet Mr Peter was made to institutions approved uner the policy such as hospitals and prisons.

"We hate to see these piles which is fairly frightening", of apples lying about". Mr

rightly recognized the serious-ness of alcohol misuse", he said.

"By adopting more explicit

large groups. He expected the same to apply to meat in a generation withhihe present total of more than 20,000 independent butchers reduced by



Whitelaw praise for self help By Yan Bradley

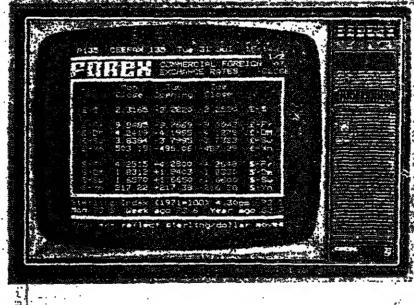
. The development of increas

ing voluntary action in the fields of health and social services was in line with the Government's policy of reducing the state's role, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, Mr Whitelew, speaking in London at a one-day exhibition

London at a one-day exhibition on voluntary organizations held by the National Council of Social Service, said: "As a government we believe in the importance of the voluntary sector. In health and leisure as well as in sickness and trouble, innumerable needs are met and problems solved without the intervention of the state.

"We are emerging from a period of growing state paternalism. The cry was increasingly Let them do something about it. What we should be saying

Mr Whitele wasid that pro possis made by the Goodman Committee in 1976 for greater fiscal relief for charitable giving were still under study.



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Social service chiefs to fight cuts A new campaign against REC at this year's level or by social services cuts was reducing the expansion of demonstration of Directors of cent.

The association will appoint an officer to coordinate the tampaign's activities in an attempt to persuade the Government that the most vulnerable people will suffer if the 7 per cent cut demanded in the recent White Paper on pub-lic expenditure is implemented.

The directors, normally a group loath to take public stands on political issues, are particularly angry that the social services are being asked to make larger cuts next year than any other local authority Mr Wally Harbert, retiring president of the association, pointed out yesterday that the

The 7 per cent will have a profound effect on social services departments, which by definition care for the most uninerable people who have failen through other services," Mr Harbert said. "There are bound to be tragedies and there will be complaints about falling standards of service. We have to make sure that there is pressure on the public and on politicians, by producing factual examples of where cuts actually affect vulnerable people."

The campaign was announced during the annual social services conference, organized jointly by the Association of County Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, both of which are Conservative controlled and which broadily support the Gov-£88m cut asked for could have been avoided either by keeping Britain's contribution to the

Cuts policy.

The conference is due to be The conference is due to be addressed today by Mr Patrick Jenkin; Secretary of State for Social Services, who can expect support from the associations but criticism from the directors are reminding delegates that while in Opposition Mr Jenkin promised that an incoming Conservative Government would wish to maintain expenditure on social services at present levels.

The impending cuts have so far dominated the conference and many of the 400 delegates are frustrated at the lack of discussion on their implications open to the floor.

open to the floor.

The directors resolved unanimously to call on the Government to restore financial support to local authorities to allow them to at least maintain previous levels of social services provision.

Flights delayed

Fog covered Heathrow airport, London, yesterday morning reducing visibility to 100 yards delaying flights for up to five hours and causing diversions to dozens of flights.

Inbound services were diverted to Garwick Prestrick and ted to Gatwick, Prestwick and airports throughout Europe. Visibility improved by midday

Liverpool and Manchester airports were also closed by

closed both carriageways of the M62 motorway over a 15-mile stretch from the Liverpool exit to allow rescue and salvage work to continue.



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Overtime ban by orchestra threatens to shorten opera

Music Correspondent
A chortened version of
Verdi's Aida will probably have
to be performed at the English
Varional Opera tonight and on Saturday because of an over-ime ban instituted this week

by the orchestra. The mrervals will be cut thort and the production will be seen in a slightly reduced form. There will also be musical

Mr Bernard Parris, secretary of the Central London branch of the Musicians' Union, said new salary scales should have been introduced at the start of the season in August. So far the management had only offered a 12 per cent increase, giving a minimum salary of about £100

The orchestra had finally decided to impose sanctions, working for only seven three-hour sessions a week. If Aida was performed uncut, then it would count as two sessions and thus other performances

could be halted. At the moment

other productions are not affected as they can all be com-pleted within the three-hour limit. The cuts could still be avoided if the management could make a new offer to the union at a meeting this morning. The musicians full claim is for a minimum of £140 a week, but Mr Parris said the players were willing to accept a compromise.

A similar dispute is continu-ing at the Royal Opera House, where the management is also offering 12 per cent. The re-striction on Saturday reheatsals there caused the cancellation of performances of Strauss's Der Rasenkavalier. The unions

Both Covent Garden and the Collegem are in difficulties over increasing their offers because of their financial difficulties, caused by inflation and by grans they believe to be inad-

five hours by thick fog

and airlines started to clear the backlog of passengers and

fog.

A motorist was killed and several other people seriously injured in more than 20 accidents after freezing fog blanketed North Merseyside. Police

Motorists' Organisations des cribed conditions as chaotic and said that many drivery had acted irresponsibly. Professor Blunt was interviewed yesterday at the Times building in Gray's Inn Road after issuing his statement. The questions were asked by Louis Heren, Deputy Editor of The Times, Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter of The Times, and David Leigh, a member of The Guardian staff. The interview, which lasted for more than one hour and twenty minutes, was recorded by staff from the BBC and Independent Radio News. Professor Blunt was not given any warning of the questions to be asked although Mr Michael Rubinstein, his solicitor, was present throughout the interview. The transcript is as follows.

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Professor Blunt, I would like first to give you my position as a journalist as far as this interview is concerned. The Prime Minister amounced in the House that you worked for the Soviet Union, that in 1964 you confessed and were granted immunity, or absolution, if you like. Therefore we are not sit-ting here in moral judgment. We just want information, what happened?

Q: Now judging from your 1937 essay on art under capitalism and socialism, which I read with great interest, you were a convinced Marxist at that time rather than an ideological idealist. I mean only an Marxist could have written that essay. So would you first like to tell us when you first became a communist and why?

A: I became a communist and more particularly a Marxist in, let us say, 1935-36. The origin of to—the history of it is this: I had a sabbatical year leave from Cambridge in 1933-34 and when I came back in October, 1934. I found that all my friends—that is an expenses an expense. that is an enormous amount of my friends and almost all the intelligent and bright young undergraduares who had come up to Cambridge—had suddenly become Marxists under the impact of Hitler coming to power and there was this very powerful group, very remarkable group, of Communist intellectuals in Cambridge of which Guy Burgess was one, James Klugman was another, John Cornford was another. was one, James Klugman was another, John Cornford was another. It was a very remarkable group of enthusiasts, naive if you like, highly enthusiastic and highly intelligent and of those the person I knew hour water was a large of the person I knew best, whom I already knew very well, was Guy Burgess. He had become a totally convinced Marxist and an open member of the Communist Party. And in discussions with him, his interests were extremely wide, covered art, my own particular interest and in James Klugman, was very much . . .

interpretation of history was right and therefore this was where the logical break took place and there-fore that one ought to be a communist at that moment. And when to help, to try to help anti-Fascism which was obviously the issue of the moment and ir became, of course, much more acute with the Spanish Civil War in 1936, was to help him in his work for the Russians, I

ogresu. O: May I ask where you went on that sabbatical leave for a year?
A: I was mainly in Rome, I was working on architecture: J. was mainly in Rome and otherwise in

south Germany.

Q: I ask that question because it to Russia at one point with Burgess. A : I did go to Russia for a boliday, not with Guy, in I think—whether it was 1935 or 1936 I can not remember. It was one of the orditary Imourist visits. It was not . . went with a group of enthusiastic young left-wingers, mainly communists mainly undergraduates.

Q: Can you put a precise date on when Guy enrolled you?
A: No. I could only say I should think late 1935, carly 1936.
Q: So it was before the Spanish Civil War?

Q: Now at that time your main activities were in the cause of anti-Fascism, was that to be a talent-

Q: Were there any other duties you performed at that time? O: How many of them did you spot?

where I must take refuge behind the Official Secrets Act. Q: Did Guy Burgess suggest to you that you should be a talent spotter?

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Q: Was this because you were then a fellow of Trinity and a sort of father figure to a generation of undergraduates? A: Up to a point. It was certainly connected with the fact that I was a fellow of Trinity and was there-

O: If you cannot say who you may have sported, can you say for how A: Until 1937, when I left Cambridge and came to London. Q: So that would be from 1935 to

A Yes. From 1935 or 1936. Q: What did you do when you got A: I got a job at the Warburg

Institute. Q: And did you still work as talent-spotter or anything?

not quite see how the Official Secrets Act would apply to dis-

closure of how many you recruited. It is not information that you obtained from . . . obtained from . . A: But it is I think an official

Q: It is an official secret if it is government information. I cannot see how, how many you spotted, constituted an official secret. Do you mean that you have been asked not to reveal this?

A: Well, I suppose it means that I have revealed this to the security service and therefore it becomes an

Official secret.

Q: Let us put it this way, let us try and quantify it very roughly:
Did you—a very few or many? A: Very few. Q: Is this an area you discussed

with the Cabinet for example—are you open to disclose? Are you taking decisions on what you can disclose and what you can not, on your own authority or after discussion with Sir Robert Armstrong (Secretary to the Cabinet).

A: No, I think on my understanding of the Official Secrets Act. Q: But you say very few?

Q: Now was Eurgess your only connexion with Soviet intelligence:

A: I knew of the existence of
Philby and Maclean.

Q: At what point did you know of
the existence of Burgess and

A: Philby during the war; both of them I think during the war. I am just trying to get my memory of Q: But they were your only con-nexion with Soviet intelligence?

Q: There was not a man, an agent, no letter drops, or anything like A: I was eventually in touch myself.

I don't know with whom; I have no idea what his name was. When was that? A: I suppose during the war.

Q: And how did you communicate? A: Well, that I'm afraid I cannot ozy.

Q: During that time were you not in fact, I believe, staying on quite a few occasions with a friend in Ireland?

Q: As I understand it, professor, when the war came you were actually rejected by military intelli-

A: Yes. Well, I was accepted and rejected by the same post.

Q: And then you joined the Army? O: You went to France, came back,

Q: You went to France, came back, then you joined MIS. How did you join? Did you apply or was it arranged for you or how?
A: Well, like all those, that kind of recruitment, it was done simply.
Someone who was in MIS recommendation. mended me. I was recommended, Q: The old boy network?

Can you name that person? A : I would rather not. Q: Can I just go back on one point? is be clean?

Q: When you said you could not say how you communicated, is this again because you prefer not to interfere with the Official Secrets

A : I should have thought it was an official secret. O: When you were accepted. or when you applied to MIS in 1940, did they vet you?

A: Only I think in a very routine.

way... Q: Why is that?. A: I think I was vetted when I O: The Intelligence Corps?

A: The Intelligence Corps, yes, and it was a moment I think when, owing to pressure, vetting was un-

owing to pressure, verting was un-doubtedly very brief.

Q: But the Intelligence Corps was not really an intelligence outfir; I mean they did field security and things like that.

A: Yes, well of course, I was

Q: You were . . So there was no reason why they should give you a complete verting. So, when you applied for MI5 you say you were yetted in a routine way. Was that because everyone was so busy?

A: Well, I think it was.

Q: Presumably the old boy who recruited, you to MI5 would have

been aware of your open past convictions? Q: Now, when you were with MIS

during the war, to whom did you pass on the information? Was it an A : Both. Q : So you never met the agent?

A : Yes I did. Q: You did meet the agent A

A: I do not know it.
Q: Was he with the embassy? I suppose so. Q: Where did you meet?
A: Well, again I think that these are things that should not be discussed.
Q: In London, casually?

A : In London, yes. Was this before the German invasion of Russia, or after? A: Mainly after. I joined MI5 in 1940.

Q: What sort of information was passed before the invasion? A: Almost nothing. At that point I was in a very important section

—a section where I had very little
access to very little information—
it could have been of the most

routine kind. Q: What kind of routine kind? A: Who were members of the Q: Was that a help to them do you A: I should think they knew most

of it already. Q: How did you agree about what kind of thing was required? I am interested in the mechanics of this. Were you told this is the kind of thing that would be helpful to us or helpful to the cause of anti-

Fascism? brief was. I think, quite untruthfully that anything...

Q: Now, after Russia's entry into the war, what kind of information did you pass them? Presumably

you were in a more senior position?

A: Well, then I moved; it was not so much senior but to a position where I saw much more information and it was almost entirely about the intelligence German intelligence services. Largely intercepts; mainly inter-



Sitting at the head of the table, Professor Blunt faces the press

'This was political conscience against loyalty to country: I chose conscience'

lem to him about general things, like art history, and he would

invariably come up with something which would be relevant, original and stimulating. And I think it

might be extremely wrong headed, but I think this is extremely diffi-

in his last years got to realize when

he was very nearly round the bend,

keep in contact with Burgess and Maclean as friends?

Maclean as friends?
A: Not Maclean, whom I knew very much less; also I think be was abroad almost the whole time,

Q: What kind of relationship did

you have with Burgess during that

belonged to the same clubs and we frequently used to meet and have

long discussions about almost everything except politics. Q: And he never asked you to do

A: None, except I suppose I would occasionally have met one or two of them over a drink. No formal con-

tact of any sort. And very little

O: Whom would you have met

socially?
A: Guy Liddell. By that time I was

also going to the Travellers Club and he was a member of that, so we

Q: I remember reading somewhere

over the weekend that you used to meet with Sir Dick White, who is

was my boss during the war, but

no, I met him very rarely. I met him naturally in 1951 over the inquiry and so on, but I never knew

him personally very well . . . and he was not much of a person for

going to parties.

Q: Who was your immediate boss?

O: Dick White was your immediate

A: And Liddell was his boss. Some

papers have got it wrong, that

White was the senior.

Q: Did you warn Burgess and Maclean?

A: No. I did not and could not have. Philby warned them, as it has been publicly stated, and I could not have had any knowledge of this. It is inconceivable that I should have gone to Dick White or anyone like that and said, look, could you tell me this year highly secret information.

me this very highly secret informa-

tion, it is absolute ponsense and I

Q: During that period were you aware that Burgess and Maclean

were still working for the Soviets?

Q: How did it come about then, bow

did you come to know of Burgess's

situation? Maclean's situation A: Simply through Guy.

boss in MI5, during the war?

used to go and meet there.

I think the whole time.

nything for him then?

In the mid-1930s it seemed to me and to many of my contemporaries that the Communist Party and Russia constituted the only firm bulwark against Fascism, since the Western democracies were taking an uncertain and compromising attitude towards Germany. I was persuaded by Guy Burgess that I could best serve the cause of anti-Fascism by joining him in his work for the Russians. This was a case of political conscience against loyalty to country: I chose

When later I realized the true facts about Russia, I was prevented from taking any action by personal loyalty; I could not denounce my friends. In 1964 an event took place which meant that I was no longer bound by this loyalty,and being promised immunity. I was relieved to give the authorities all the information in my

From 1945 I ceased to pass information to the Russians but in 1951 I was in contact with them on behalf of Burgess. I was myself pressed to go to Russia. I refused.

Andrew Boyle has stated that I obtained from a former colleague in MI5 the exact date on which Maclean was to be interviewed. There is no truth in this story. I had no contacts with. MIS between 1945 and 1951, and I had no information from any other source as a result of which I might have tipped off Maclean; and I did not in fact do so.

In 1945 I went back to my normal academic

work and was also appointed Surveyor of the King's Pictures. I did not apply for or seek this appointment, but I was pressed to allow my name

Q: German intelligence, where, in ;

Q: You say almost. What else did

you pass?

A: Well, again, purely routine things, like membership of the

Q: Was MIS . . . at the time con-

A: Theoretically, yes, but of course it was a very minor issue. Everything was focused on the German applies.

section technically looking after Soviet activities and the Com-munist Party. But it was very small

and very inaccurate, as one can imagine.

Q: Did you have Soviet information

there was some concern about Soviet activity in Britain? Presumably you would have passed

A: If I had had it, I would have

passed it on I don't remember it.

Q: But you would have passed on

information that was relatively

O: During this period, from Russia's

entry into the war until the end of

the war, when you were working for the Soviet Union, was your con-

science that much easier, were you feeling that you were contributing to an Allied force?

A: Very much so.

Q: Many of your colleagues at Cambridge and elsewhere at the

start of the war when Germany and Russia signed a pact, I believe actually abandoned communism, in

disgust. You did not. What did you feel about that?

A: Well, I did not because we argued that it was simply a tactical

necessity for Russia to gain time,

as indeed turned out to be the case:

it gave them time to rearm and to

get stronger to resist what was

clearly going to happen. I think a lot of people felt that at that time.

Q: At the end of the war, you were

demobilized; what did you do for the Russians between 1945 and 1951?

Q: Were they still interested in you? Did you still have con-

A: No. I mean I could have had

a contact through Guy but I was

in no position to give them any

information of interest; but there

has been some reference to confi-dential papers which I might have

Q: It has also been said that you

carried on working; tring up loose

Q: How did you break off contact

A: Weil, it just happened. They

realized that I was no longer

coming up. He is often portrayed as a drunk, a homosexual, wild

man and so on. He seems to have

played an extraordinarily important

part. How would you assess Bur-

A: Well, Burgess when I first met

him as an undergraduate was i rather the most remarkable, one of

is, of course, nonsense.

A: That is totally untrue,

ends, at any rate?

with the Russians?

interesticz.

A: What, at that point?

Q: At the end of the war?

tacts?

science that much easier.

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office and so on.

to be put forward, and, when offered it, accepted on the grounds that I knew there was much work to be done on the collection and that I believed I could do it. I resigned from the post in 1972 on the grounds that I felt I had done what I could for the collection, which was in effect being looked after by my deputy, Sir Oliver Millar; but I was asked to stay on as Adviser for the Queen's Pictures and Drawings.

In 1956 the Queen honoured me with a knight-It has been said that I "accepted" the knighthood. In fact, as a member of the Royal Household, I was not told in advance and the first that I knew of the matter was reading the announcement in The Times. When Mr Michael Rubinstein told me that the Queen was going to strip me of my knighthood I immediately wrote to the proper authority offering to resign it, but presumably the letter did not arrive before the announcement was made.

When I was told of the impending statement in Parliament by Mrs Thatcher I did not at any time contemplate leaving the country but I realized that there would inevitably be a barrage of inquiries from the Press while questions were being asked in Parliament and I knew that I could not give helpful answers to questions which might be put to me so long as I was unawase of exactly what the ministerial answers would say. I should add that I immained, as I still remain. under the constraint of the Official Secrets Act-

I am encouraged by the letters from my former students and by messages from colleagues and friends to hope that I shall be able to resume my work as an art bistorian.

Q What date was first?
A! When Give dame back from America; which was a week, it might have been 10 days; before they left. He came back with the information from the most brilliant, and let me make this distinction, one of the most intelligent people I have ever met. He was already extremely thresome and difficult and so on but he had s mind which went absolutely to the bottom of any question and he was interested in every question. I mean one could listen to him

information from.

Q: And he told you thet Philip had told him that they were closing in?

A: That they were closing in, yes. the security services?

A: No, because they were my

triends.

Q: You said in your extrement that you had contact on beliefs of Gay in 1951 with the Russians.

A: Well that, when Guy came back the put me in direct connect and after they had gone I had to rake up this connect; and it was at that point that I had orders to go to Russia cuit; and everyone who knew him under the strain. Q: Between 1945 and 1951 did you

Q: You use the term orders. In what sense orders? Because you had not worked for the Russians after the war?
A: Well, I had not formally broken Q: You had not seen them for five to six years, so what did they assume you were in the intervening

time?
A: I think they probably essumed that I was still with them.
Q: Why did Guy put you in direct contact at this point?
A: I suppose be thought rightly that I was not going to go, that I was obviously going to be a prime suspect; and I suppose he thought that, if the thing got critical, they might simply take me our as they took him our, not reckoning on the fact.

Q: But were you able to help Guy A: No.

Q: How much contact were you in with former members of the

Q: But were you able to help Guy or the agents in any way? A: No. No way. Q: I think if we may stop chasing the so-caned facts and now go on to your state of mind at that time. You say in your statement that you had changed your mind about com-munism? When, in fact, did you change your mind, when did you think that the Soviet Union was not the

A: This was a gradual process and I find it very difficult to analyse. It is, after all, more than 30 years ago. But it was the information that came out immediately after the war. During the war one was simply thinking of them as Allies etc. but then with the information about the

camps. Czechoslovakia? Did that help change your mind? A: In 1967? Q: No 1948.

A: Oh, sorry: yes, it was episodes of that kind. I have thought about this a great deal and I cannot say exactly at what time, but it was accumulative evidence. ... Q: So by the time that 1951 came

along ... you were clear?
A: So I was clear.
O: Were you actively bastile to the Soviets? Was there a definite point when you could say, I was sickened? A. Certainly in 1951: I quite clearly remember thinking No. - in no circumstances.

Q: Now you had been given that royal post. Did it strike you at the time that because of your past there might be potential embarracs-ment to the Sovereign A: I suppose that at the time I assumed that it would never come Q: So the question of embarrace

ment itself never entired your came to me with certain information mind?

A: I am straid I simply thought of quite a lot and also freed me

a going over by the security

A Yes, envone who has turned O: Were you able to tell them any thing at all, presumably about your old colleagues?
A: Yes I must certainy have been

shie, presumably what I did was to select. I am afraid I cannot answer that clearly. Q: The statement said that you have been interrogated 11 times between 1951 and 1964. What was the nature of those interrogations?

Were they full interrogations in the full meaning of that word or were they competable conversa-tions across a drink?

A: First of all the number 11

means nothing to me in this con-ters Secondly, they were all as far er I can remember certainly manify immediately in 1951 and the immediate result of their [Burgess and Maclean] going. They were mainly comfortable conversations it was perfectly plain to me. I was under suspicion, obviously. Q: Were they by your old colleagues?

A: Yes, they were by people whom I had known in London, not

closely.

Q: You, according to Andrew
Boyle's book, at that point when
Burgess went, were in something
of a state; I use that word loosely. You were worried anxious and yet you managed to have got through these interviews; 11 or whatever the number. How did you do that? A: I do not know. Either his account of my health was extremely inaccurate . I do not know.

Q: Now your interrogators were people you knew Would this suggest, your having worked in the same organization, that they did not think that you were guilty? A: I think some did not and some did.

did.

Q: Were you seled about the episode mentioned in the book: A note which was pushed through the United States Embassy door, and A : Totally meaningless to me

Did you go to Guy's flat efter his departure or at any point, to clean things up?

A: A little bit.

Q: Was this immediately after he

A Immediately after, yes, Q: When you were knighted by the Quaen—I know that order is her gift and she does not have to take any advice from the Prime Minister—but this actually put you in a more exposed position than just taking care of her pictures. Did it then strike you that your past might eventually embarress the Sovereign? After those inherrogations?

interrogations? matter was dead. Q: And by this time your own Q. And by this time your own mines of yourself, your political pieces and your relationship with think where you could accept such an order?

Q. This is a complete contradiction from the position you took in the 1930s?

At Yes. As I have said in my state-ment, I did not in fact heve the option, but I was by then totally athorrent of the Russians, I can see

point of view I could see no objection.

Q: Well, it would have been abhorrent in relationship to your animade towards Russia, but I think what you said earlier to us was that take? A : A complete change. In 1937, or

whenever it was, I thought that Russia was following the true principles of Marxism By 1951, anyhow. I realized that this was totally false.

Q: But you can still be a Marxist and still not restricted that the and still not particularly like the Soviet Union?

Soviet Union?

A: Yes, I think I was even ceasing to be a Marxist then and I found the application of Marxism to my own subject extremely interesting and fruitful, and then gradually realized it was a gross overimplification. Q: And you could not accept social A: No.

Q: Did you become entirely reconciled with the British system?

A: res.

Q: There are so many people who come across from the Left to the Right and have become a Roman Catholic or extreme right-wing. Do you fit into that kind of experi-

ence ? A : No, I think that the British way of life and British constitutionalism, whatever it is, are the best. A: Let-us not go into that; that is

not relevant.

O: Do you then still hold a certain amount of antagonism towards the Americans. This was always said of Burgess? A: Ab, well no. When he came back from Washington in 1951 he was

in a state of absolutely maniacal hatred, fear. I don't know what you can say : his conversation was. The Americans are going to land us in war and I mean in five years, I mean in a matter of weeks. It was total hysteria. Q: So the time came when you were

approached and you made your confession. Did you decide to iess before you were offered immunity?

A: The two things happened absolutely simultaneously.

Q: You mean they offered you

mmunity when they came to discuss

A : I-think this is something I can not go into in any detail, but they

this, as a job in my own field, from my loyalty. I think this impostant for me to do it. And I something I cannot go into think I can do it.

Q: You have been given something said on one of the television into views that you were freed Philby's defection. Is that the case Q: I think you also said in the case of second of those interviews that you were freed by the actions, od t savings or doings, of one of yo

A: I said that, yes. That would Q: By the actions or the saying.
A: Sayings. Q: I am attempting to read it

what you are saying that it we something to do with Guy Burges activities in Moscow. A: No.

Q: Were you concerned to prote another friend of yours who had r so far been implicated?
A: I think I cannot go any furth Q: Was the information that t security services came to you w. information from spies who h

colleagues?
A: Not from defectors. Q: Which means it came fre former colleagues?

defected or from your own form

A: Colleagues or friends, yes. Q: Philipy had made a general or fession in 1963, of course. Can o lagine that Philipy's general confision had implicated you to so extent or that had blown things in the air to some extent? the air to some extent?

A: I think not.
Q: Can you guess at the source such information; would it be fre Russia, from this country? Y see, this is the key area for us, come to you after all these yes and say we know and you are fre to speak. I think it is natural; i us to be interested.
A: Indeed, I think it is also natus for me that I... this is one the things about which I can be specific.

be specific.

Q: Now, the information you we able to give to intelligence a your confession, did they regard as of some importance after chose years? A: Well, I think they did. Th

entitude to it was that although was out of date, it could start a li of research which could lead el

Q: May I ask who it ecrually came to you? A: It was a member of MI5. Q: A member of MI5 whom y A: Whom I had known, but not all well-

Q: Did Skardon [an interrogate me and interrogate you? A : No. Q: Was he there? No, I am not sure. Did Skardon interrogate you

Q: Was it Hollis who came to yo A: No, I am sorry I cannot reme ber. I can remember his Christ name, I cannot remember surname. He was one of the peo-on the investigation side opposed to the general.

Q: The question in most peopl minds is, here you are a man w berrayed his country, the admirredly you changed your mi afterwards, but you had in fi committed that crime. It see strange to stany people that 3

should be given immunity after of fessing. Was it because the information was all that important?

A.: I think that that was behind was offered immunity, obviously would cooperate. Whether they a thought than I might still be thought that I might state touch and be used as a double samply do not know. If they they were wrong, O: Did they my to use you at ...

double agent?

A: Well, no, because I had ab
lutely no means.

Q: Wers you offered a choice what was to happen? To confess a take immunity or ...?

A: No, because it was simply a pli

statement Q: What do you understand now the terms of that immunity? Wildid you understand by it then?

A: Well, I understood and s understand, that means immun from prosecution.

Q: Not immunity from publicity:
A: Well, I do not think legally the

But you assumed? A: I assumed in fact that the this would be kept private in MIS.

Q: Was this offer made with a numberity of MIS?

A: I was strongly under A: I was strongly under impression, in fact I was told, the transfer authorized the strong to the st

Q: What, the immunity? Q: What do you mean by high authority in this instance?

A: Well, I would not like to be specific, but my impression que certainly was that it was the Pri Minister, I will not confirm t because apparently the Pri Ministers say they do not may have been misinformed. Q: Were there negotiations or they come to you with the packs

at once .

A: It just came like that. Obvious there must have been discussive before, but not with me. There were no negotiations?
No. No. it was perfectly clean Q: Was it put to you that this ! not an unprecedented move and il had done this in similar instan-and might consider doing it in oil

Q: It was simply offered to you a ...

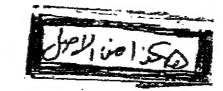
package?
A: Yes.
Q: They did not say to you that will give you immunity, a because of your loyalty to cert people, we might be prepared to the same to them? A: No. I was simply offer

immunity. Q: Did you understand at the ti that the Palace had be informed?

A: Well, again this is someth about which I am very confuabout At the time I did not kn either way, but later I was told understood quite specifically, t no one at the Palace had been to It was later on that this was qu clearly my impression.
Q: So there was no question t
the Private Secretary was told:
he decided on his initiative not

tell the Sovereign? A : Well, not at that time.

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Professor had 'little contact' with Queen

ontinued from page 4 1: And since then? : Since then I was given to nderstand that at some later. lage the Private Secretary was theen or not, I do not know.

: Mrs Thatcher's statement mphasized that keeping you in our post in the Royal House ld was necessary to ensure our cooperation. : Twice. It was in the state-

.: 1972. I was told this much

.: Well, that was totally unnown to me. : There were not any dis ussions?

Did it not occur to you that our position at the Royal lousehold might be a bit odd? id you not ask about it?
.: No one ever suggested that

should resign.
Your duties in the Royal lousehold at that time clearly ou were responsible for pictures and so on? What contact id you have with the Sovereign
nd people close to her?
.: Very little. My job was
ssentially concerned with the ictures and I was only in con-) be made about rehanging adecoration or some matter of olicy in connexion with estoration.

:: Were you upset by the exosure? .: Well I meant I was upset then the ... exposure came I do not say that I ever supposed that immunity guaranteed that.

In the control of the control of the harsain. I have never the control of the harsain. I have never the control of the harsain. f the bargain. I have never

: It would be nice to have is on record.

Well, would you like to pear what you have just said?
You must have felt uneasy
t your continuing position?
is not a comfortable situation
the in knowing MI5 have this
onfession from you and that
ou were in other people's
ands for the rest of your life.
Well no that was a com-: Well, no, that was a com-pring feeling. !: It has been said by one of

our friends that since 1964 the cople who know you have felt. lat you were much more reish the world. Did you feel Yes, did I not show this?

Well, that's what they're Yes, it was a tremendous elief to get this off my chest approaches to you or did they not to be able to get it off.

Can we go back to Camridge for a moment? This Q: So you had so contact whatreported some time ago that if Beves was the fourth man A: No.

Vas he involved in this group?

That was the most total resume contact with the Rusyeth. How it arose I cannot sizes?

onceive, but there was abso A: Never:

itely no possibility of it. There as no evidence to show it and to contact you by snother Iron to man who wrote the erticle Curtain country on their id not produce any evidence

at all ; and from my knowledge.

absolutely not:

Q: It did, in fact, come from
a very; very good source.
Q: Well, you see there have
been theories about this that perhaps there were people in the seturity services who were the security services who were unbappy about the course events had taken with you and were enxious to see it brought out into the open. I think that the events of the past few years have shown that there were people anxious to bring it out into the open, for whatever motives. Have you anything to contribute to she state of pub-

Lic knowledge?

A: No, nothing I think it is perfectly possible. At one moment I thought it was probable, but when Boyle said that my name had been given that that was at any rate a sufficient explanation. A sufficient explanation, therefore, one didn't have to suppose a leak from our MI5 which frankly I had—I say a leak I mean a

Q: Were there ever any further discussions with the security services, or with anybody, after 1964 about the prospect of the situation changing or about any contact you might have had with the Russians or about any further. Russians or about any further information you could give?

A: About further information—I mean the—our conversations went on quite a long time.

Q: After 1964?
A: From 1964 till, say, 1965 and occasionally I think they came back with some specific

query.
Q: Where was this done? Were you actually debriefed in the military sense, or what? Was this done at a series of meetings or . . ? A: It was usually done in my

that in a series of conversations.

Q: Who were you anterrogated or debriefed by?

A: Well, I do not think that is probably something; he is someone who is now retired, but I

one who is now retired, but I think that's not...

Q: Let us ask you a very general question. It might be slightly embarrassing, but if you look at people such as Burgess and Maclean, not Philby I knew Philby before he went across in Beirut in 1968 but they were homosexuels.

A: Maclean was hardly

Q: Other spies have been known to be homosexual; I mean is there anything in the condition of a homosexual that makes him of a homosexual that makes him liable for such work, is it because he feels he has been rejected by society?

A: Well, I think not I mean in this particular case Philby as you say firmly, quite certainly, was not; Maclean was only very

was not; Maclean was only very
essentially normal—no; I
think that obviously in certain
other cases blackmail has been
used, but I think that has been
grossly exaggerated. I think the
connexion is much slighter than
had been suggested and after all
there are other means of black-

mail.

O: In that period, between 1951 and 1964, did the Russians make any further in fact make any further

to contact you by snother Iron Curtain country on their behalf?

chases from its own resources.

Mr Howell attributes its success mainly to the fact that it is a small centralized body, rus on commercial lines and with a

single function. In contrast, the single function. In contrast, the Act has failed in England because councils have lacked the time and resources and in many cases, the political will to implement it.

The present Government's view, he says, is that the question of excessive profits can best be dealt with by fiscal

means. But that is a negative and

HOME NEWS

Reprieved land quango in Wales made £5.3m profit

lanning Reporter

In a few days' time a new all-mbracing Planning, Local Gov-rnment and Land Bill will conon the Community Land Act a largely unlamented death out one notable quango will urvive as an ironic challenge the Conservative view that he Act was obstructive and

In the three and a half years nce it was established to cquire and dispose of land for evelopment, the Land uthority for Wales has made net profit of about £5,300,000. Iperating from the tenth floor perating from the teath not for a rented office building in 'erdiff, with two small local ranches in Wrexham and Carlarthen, it has a staff of fewer han 70, about one tenth of its riginally forecast establish-

means. But that is a negative and deterrent approach, whereas what is wanted is a positive policy to encourage rapid acquisition and disposal.

At first, he recalls, the authority met with considerable suspicion from landowners and builders, "But now," he says, "hardly a day goes past without a call either from a builder in search of land, or an estate asent wanting in make a sale. Up to 31 March, the authority ad acquired a total of 1,428 cres, compared with some 3,600 cres in the whole of England, there the task of implementing he Act was left to local coun-ils. According to its chief xecutive, Mr Ted Howell, it is ow in a position to begin re-

Double oxygen'

A court was told yesterday

hat there was more than

ouble the usual amount of

xygen in a section of a war-

hip in which eight men were illed by a fire.
Mr Gordon Harding, senior

hemical inspector of factories, old York Crewn Court that the aygen-enriched atmosphere

and been ignited when a work-

nan struck up his arc welding

leven men were working in:

bottom deck machinery room of the 3,600-ton missile lestroyer HMS Glasgow at

wan Hunter's Neptune yard at. Vallsend when the fir ebroke

Swan Hunter has denied six harges brought under the lealth and Safery at Work Act

Telemeter Installation, its sub-contractor, bas admitted three imilar offences.
The trial continues today.

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in search of land, or an estate agent wanting to make a sale.

"I see the role of this subority as primarily that of a supplier of land. I think it is a valuable service and one that builders and developers will be happy to pay for."

Agency appeal

move fails A London travel agency and its chief were refused leave to appeal by the Court of Appeal yesterday, against their convic-tions under the Trade Descrip-

Westminster Touring Association Ltd. of Parliament Street, Westminster, and Percy George Soulsby, aged 75, of Cattistock, Dorset, were fined £2,000 and £500 respectively at Knightsbridge Crown Court last March for recklessly making false. for recklessly making false statements about the provision of accommodation for Holy Year pilgrims in Rome.

Half holiday

To mark the return of The Times the 180 pupils at Stoney-gate, a private school in Leicester, are to have a half-holiday

on Saturday. The Rev Joe Josephs, the headmaster, said its reappear-ance was the most exciting event since the Spanish

Q: Or individually? A: No, never.

Q: Last week I asked a former

intelligence man whom I have intelligence man whom I have known over the years how it was that an agent could approach you and suggest to all of you to go back to the Soviet Union and I said well how would be do it, and he said "Well have you read Graham Greene's The Human Factor," and I said "Yes," and he said, "Well read the last few chapters." You have not read it? A. I have not.

A: I have not.

Q: Well in the lact few chapters of that book—a man, a diplomat—is going to escape, goes to an address which he has been told about and he is taken from the chapter. there. Wes that what happened to you? Did you go to a certain address? A: What ou this occasion?

A: No, I went to a certain Q: In this country? A: Uh huh.
Q: In the countryside
A: No, in London.
Q: Was this a prearranged

Q: And at this meeting you told them you would not go back with them?

A: Yup.
Q: That is what I told . . . I said that you told them. Was it one person or several

Q: Was the situation that you were told to meet a person of a certain description at a certain place in London, a man whose name you were not given? A: No. it was someone I had

been in contact with a long time before.

Q: What did he say when you refused to go back? A: I am sorry I have put this wrong. I was given orders to go and I then went home and decided not to. Q: I see so . . .

A: So I did not formally, yes. I did not say I would not so. Q: I see, and there was no contact after that? He did not my and get in touch with you? Q: Why did they want you to

A: Because I think they thought that I was not un-reasonably, that I was heavily under suspicion and in danger and that if arrested might spillthe beans.

Q: You keep using the word orders—you use this all the way through; now in fact your role subsided in 1945, you were a talent-spotter at Cambridge, you were then during the war working for the Russians, although this is a military term: were you ever holding some

A: No. It is simply in that kind of organization instructions are given fairly firmly. O: Did they say to you that if you failed to obey those orders there would be conse-

Q: They did not say that? A: I shink they assumed that

Q: They did not say to you that they would shop you? Q: Of course they were right because eventually you were arrested in effect and you did spill the beans?

A: Yes.

Q: What were the beans that you spilled? Did you name a number of names? Obviously you went over the history of the affair, but I imagine MIS were interested in names of people who might still perhaps A: Yes, and more particularly of Russians, working. Q: Were you able to give the

A: No, but I could identify them.

Q: You could identify Russians; friends whose loyalties you have Q: How were you able to iden-

with them?

A: They were people I had had A: I cannot answer man, contact with at the early active sorry.

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Q: You say there must have many people in-Q: But in some cases they

were?
A: I do not know the answer to that but I think probably not. Q: I have forgotten the chronology but could this confession possibly have led to the then Prime Minister ordering all the Russians to leave the country ? A: No, no. Q: What happened to them?

What happened to mose Rus-sians you identified, some of whom were in Britain?

A: I think they were no longer in Britain. They were simply identified as being on this job. Q: Did you identify any British citizens, any of your contemporaries or colleagues? Obviously

must have been an area of

great interest to MIS. A : I cannot comment on that. Q: It has been said over the weekend—there has been lors of speculation about the fact that there might be other people in the same position as yourself; one estimate put the number as several, say up to number as several, say up to eight; another estimate has gone as high as 20 or 25. What do you feel about those estimates—that speculation?

A: This is sheer guessing. My guess would be that there must

have been a great many more people involved in this, I should think all of them have long since stopped Q: Are you still affected by a wish to protect your friends of then and now in this matter? You have been very reserved

about some A: Well, the problem . . ould be, but the problem no Q: Do we take it then that the difficulty reconciling with other loyalties are all non dead? Or gone.

Q: Of those then that you

tify them if you had no contact talent-spotted in Cambridge in with them?

the 1930s, are they all dead?

heen a great many people in-volved, were these people in A: I imagine so and this is largely . . . I am sorry, I think I must shut up on this because I am partly talking about offi-cial information that I have officially. But I think it is common knowledge that the nerwork of one kind or another was considerable and 20 . . . Q: Twenty you say?

No. I say 20 has been said I should think that is probably an exaggeration.

Q: I think you said to television comeras that at Cambridge there was Burgess, Maclean, Philby and yourself, four, and you did not think there were A: No.

A: No. Q: You do not think there are any others at Cambridge?

A: Not at the time we talked about then.
Q: Because the other thing said

over the weekend was that this was not something that was a problem at Cambridge alone but the same could have existed and did exist at Oxford, and

A: Yes, well that is something I simply have no knowledge of. Q: But on your experience would you believe this to be true? This was a very heady time of quite strong political A: Yes, I mean if one is simply asking me to make a guess

yes.

Q: What are your feelings now about the situation? You have been asked this morning how you feel about being publicly revealed as a traitor? How do you feel?

according to my conscience and I now realize that my original action in the 1930s, which was according to my conscience and I believe throughout, was totally wrong. Q: Did you have any reason to

think that the situation changed in 1972 when, according to Mrs Thatcher, the then Attorney-General, Sir Peter Rawlinson, reviewed your case? A: No, I think the only thing I know which does bear on this is that I was suddenly rushed to hospital for a very serious operation in which it was thought I very likely would not survive—a cancer operation—and I was rold later, and this is my only information on the subject, that that was the moment when some information was passed on; whether to whom, whether to the private secretary, I do not know.

Q: 1972, we are talking about? A: 1972 and the fact that this happened to coincide with Sir Michael Adeane's retirement as secretary is I think, totally

Q: And the same thing appears to have happened again, I think in 1974? . . . that the file was brought out.

A: That I know nuthing about. Q: What was the highest level of official in M15 with whom you discussed the whole im-munity concession question evenmally?

A: Only the man I was talking personal contact than that? A : No, no.

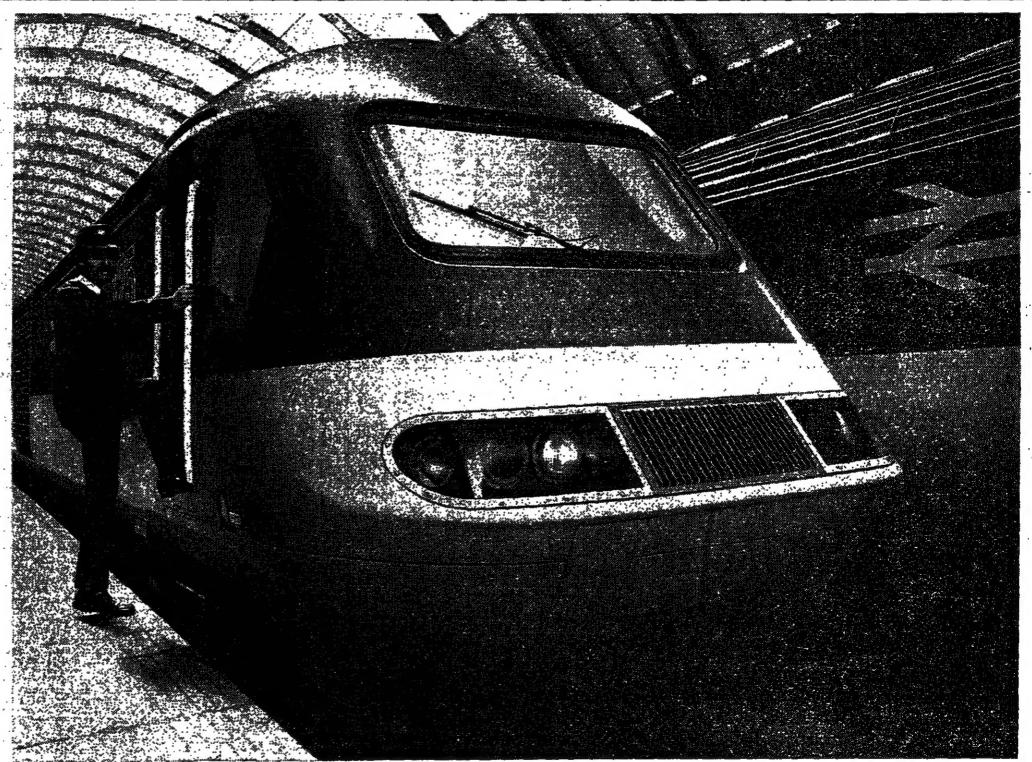
Q: Several names have come up in the last few days as one would expect in a situation like this; one is a man called

A: It is a difficult question. Thomas Harris, who I believe to answer. Obviously I am was a close friend of yours? decoly upset by it but that is A: A great friend of mine. This not perhaps an adequate ex- was one of the most outrageous pression. I do feel, and this things in Deacon's book. He was one of the most outrageor may seem a preposterous thing made a categorical statement to say, I do feel I have acted that he had been working for according to my conscience and the Russians. He gave no tangible evidence at all. He simply quoted someone who I must call X who had been working for the Russians in Switzer-land on internal evidence. First it is not true—on internal evihold water, the dates and so on, and this is something— is obviously he was a name which it came up very much in 1951, he was a close friend and indeed a later he was a close friend of Philby and a very close friend

> Q: And there was another man Guy Liddell at one stage. I believe he died some years ago.
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> A: He died some years ago. Again I should say absolutely certainly not. He was my boss in MI5. The evidence? well there is no evidence that has been shown against him. He was in trouble certainly owing to the fact that he was quite a friend, not nearly as close a friend as has been stated of Philby, and they worked together quite a lot and they did occasionally have a

> together. Q: Just one final general question: I think perhaps you cumstances you were treated leniently—other people who did other things suffered worse fales. To what do you attribute the leniency with which you were obviously treated?
> A: Well, I think that the hope to get as much information out of me as possible, and the belief that if I was treated leniently I should cooperate

fully. Q: Is that because you are a member of the alleged estab-lishment?



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The head of the West German security service today rejected charges that his department had withheld evidence which might have helped to clear Astrid Proll, the alleged former terrorist of charge of attempted murder. a charge of attempted murder. Frau Proli's lawyers and two

German newspapers have claimed that the Federal Office for the Protection of the Con-stitution originally provided the court with evidence from only two of its men who said she shot at them in February 1971 while escaping after they stopped her for an identity check.

They alleged that the department failed to mention statements by two other security men near the scene who said they did not see Frau Proll either shooting or carrying a

Herr Gerhard Reddemann, a Christian Democrat deputy, has tabled a parliamentary ques-tion asking the government to reply to the charges which, if true, would constitute "an almost irreparable scandal". A spokesman for the Inte-rior Ministry declined to com-

ment on the issue for the present but said that additional security service material had been given to the Frankfurt court trying Frau Profi, and the other two security men had received permission to

Dr Richard Meier, President of the Federal Office for the Protection of the Constitution, said it was absolutely untrue that the two people's evidence could help in the defence of Astrid Proli-

He said statements collected from the second twomen never reached court files because Frau Proll absconded—this was in 1974—and the trial was sus-pended before it could be sent off. When she was eventually extradited from Britain the prosecution did not pursue the

A security department offi-cial explained that the second two men, although near the scene at the time, could not see what Frau Proll was doing because they were engaged in a gunfight with her compan-ion, Manfred Grashof, who was later sentenced to life impris-

Dr Johanna Dierks, the pre-siding judge in Frau Proll's trial, said today that the addi-tional mateil had been read out in court. Only the verbal evidence of the two witnesses concerned, who are due to be questioned by the court in mid-December, would show whether it would help to clear Frau Proil, she said.

of Fran Proll's lawyers, said today that the two security men who claimed she had opened fire on them had invented the story to protect themselves. The incident had

spoiled a careful trap laid by the security service to catch a larger number of terrorists and they needed to justify them-Dr Meier said he had "no doubt whatever about the truthfulness" of his men. The official who was principally involved was "a good man and absolutely reliable", he said. The Lawyer's allegations came in the maddle of Fran Proll's second trial which opened after she returned from Britain earlier this year. The The first had been suspended. The first had been suspended when her health broke down

after long isolation in jail and she was allowed to go to a clinic in the Black Forest to recover. She escaped to Britain and began a new life away from her former associates

moder an assumed name.

The charge of attempted murder, for which she could het life imprisonment if convicted, is the most serious levelled against her. She is aldo accused of driving a getaway car in a bank robbery, and of carrying forged papers. The bank raid charges rest mainly on statements by a former terrorists accomplice turned informer who has been charged with giving false evi-

dence elsewhere and she is expected to be acquitted. The Federal Criminal Office has sent five experts to Zurich to help with investigations following the arrest there yesterday of Rolf Clemens Wagner, one of West Germany's

most wanted men. Herr Wagner, aged 35, is believed to have belonged to the hard core of the second-generation Baader-Meinhof generation Baader-Meinhof terrorists. He is accused of participating in the kidnapping and murder of Dr Hanns-Martin Schieyer, the West German industrialists' president, and the massacre of his four bodyguards in Cologne two years

He was excested in Yugo-slavia in May last year with thre others. They were later allowed by the Yugoslav authorities to leave for a country of their choice—where, is still not known—after West German justice authorities folled to extradize Constitut failed to extradite Croatian terrorists to Yugoslavia.

Herr Wagner was captured yesterday at a Zurich tram stop after a benk robbery and gunfight in which an elderly woman was killed and three accomplaces escaped.

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British and French viewpoints
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"summit"—falls into perspective if it is recalled that this
London meeting was not intended or exepected to reach decisions on Britain's problems with the EEC. Both sides agreed that this could not be done bilaterally, but only at Dublin at the end of this month. To some extent, therefore, what went on in London was a good deal of political posturing, with differences sharply drawn—as they must inevitably be with someone like Mrs Thatcher who not only knows her own mind but speaks it out bluntly-but

like completely irreconcilable

the Community.
This is apparent if one reads between the lines of both leaders' starements. The French President's toughness on prin-ciple, which struck French journalists as unusual for him, was in fact qualified in three respects.
First, he admits that there

First, he admits that there is a problem for Britain—and the domestic political dimension of it is undoubtedly clearer to him now, after the talks. Second, France views this problem sympathetically, and is prepared to do something to achieve a solution limited in scope and time. Third, France is determined that there should be no Franco-British confrontation on the budget or lamb.

budget or lamb.

The less satisfactory corollary of this from Mrs Thatcher's point of view, is that the French President is not pre-pared, officially at least, to act



cause, or as an honest broker tête à tête it was clearly not between Britain and its other partners in the EEC.

"The community has already come up against similar diffications and its other with the principle of "equity" among partners in "equity" among partners in the principle of "equity" among part

come up against similar diffi-cuities in the past and gener-ally speaking, solutions have been found, and the difficulties overcome ", he said, however. It would not be the first time came to the verge of dis-Perhaps it would not be an

exaggeration to say that M. Giscard d'Estaing understood why Mrs Thatcher has to indulge on this occasion in the same kind of brinkmanship that France did in 1965, with that France did in 1965, with its tactics of the "empty chair" over the common agricultural policy.

David Spanier, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes: Though M Giscard d'Estaing and Mrs Thatcher met, as she said at the end of the President's visit,

the Community, said that what was required was an act of political will. M Giscard d'Estaing, while expressing his "understanding" of the British positions, insisted throughout on the essential need to comply with Community regula-tions. It was as if a silver fork

Speaking to the press, M. Giscard d'Estaing conceded that-France understood the British postion. Though France was at present in a state of near bal-ance on the budget, in 1980 it

explain that the Community was not designed to effect the transfer of real resources—in the case of the next financial the case of the next financial year a sum of £1,000m—from one member to smother. Any method could be used that was sarisfactory, in applying the Community rules, to rectify the inequity of the British payments, she said. What was at stake was the political will, not the reclinical details.

was prodding at a crème. She would not accept "half was prodding at a crème. She would not accept "half brulée—no give whatever, a loaf", in the shape of a rethough underneath it all perduction in the British contribups a hope of something bution by a half, and a pledge to reform the common agricultural policy. "I do not reject anything, I just ask for more."

France understood the British she said.

Paris, Nov 20
The spites and divisions in both the main streams of French politics were brought painfully into the open today when the National Assembly debated three motions of cen-

debated three motions of cen-sure against the Government.

All three were doomed to failure before even a vote was

taken because at the best they could hope for support from only the cimbined forces of the Communists and Socialists who

Mrs Thatcher was quick to adapted to changing circum

The argument seemed to be reversed when the French attitude to the recent judgment by the European court that France the European court that France must accept lamb supports from Britain, was called into question. Asked if he accepted this ruling, M. Giscard. d'Estaing replied that there was no regulation covering this product when the community was originally set. up. What France was demand-ing was the application of the ing, was the application of the rules in the spirit of the Rome treaty, which provided for the organization of a market in this

spect, too. rural policy. "I do not reject anything I just ask for more."

The main result of the Franco-British meeting, therefore, appears to be ther each side has explained its view to the other metic and everyone gets blinded by it." Political life would not contain a maionally or intermationally, unless rules were maid exchanges.

Mr Robert Ballanger, the leader of the Communist group

in the Assembly underlined the difference between his

duction of a tex on capital in

Like M Mitterend, however, he railed against the fact that the Government had chosen a

procedural device to force through the budget, rather than let it run the risk of falling because the Gaullists opposed it.

the Government, but that it was not the time to consure the Government as this would result in no positive solution

marked contrast to that of M Michel Debré, the former Prime Minister and still one of

the most eloquent speakers in the Gaullist party. He warned

Debate shows split in

both French camps

cessful conclusion to the conference has also been convey to the Salisbury delegation. Referring to a report.
Radio Zimbabwe, quoting I
Robert Magabe, the Patrio
Front leader, calling on t
liberation forces to intensi
the war, the British spokesm
at the conference said the
was always a risk of escalati
"That is why the British "That is why the Briti Government is bending evenerve to bring the negotiation for a ceasefire to an end, He noted that the Gove ment had called for a cease when it sent out invitations the conference in August, a regretted that only one si feir able to accept it at th

Zimbabwe *

peace army

rejected

by Britain

Diplomatic Correspondent

The Zimbabwe Rhodes

into choppy waters yesterds when Britain rejected most the Patriotic Front's propose

for a ceasefire, including t

idea of mobilizing a lar

Commonwealth force to c

force observance of the cea-

The Rhodesian raids in

and

already rather strained atn

Minister, immediately sent

message to President Kaunt

expressing British concern the latest Salisbury attack

Zambia. British concern, link

with the hope that all parties the conflict would exerci restraint and avoid actio which might prejudice a si

policy further upset

Mrs Thatcher

Despite the Patriotic From Despite the Patriotic Fror repeated accusations of Britain was showing bias a refusing to take their propos seriously, two bilateral meings to discuss the ceasef proposals in detail were hypeserday, first between Brit officials and the Salisbury degation, and then with the Patriotic Front.

budget by engaging its responsibility on it. M. Mitterrand said: "The main act of parliamentary functions has been reduced to nothing more than the military act of a soldier putting his little finger down the seam of his trousers."

M. Deber Ballanger the In an opening statement the plenary session yesterd. Sir Ian Gilmour, deputzing Lord Carrington, who variending the talks with Predent Ciscard d'Estaing state Property Park that the Patriotic Front par of the previous day introduc concepts which were unlikely provide a basis for agreement or for a ceasefire which wo party's approach and that of the Socialists. His party attacked the enlargement of the EEC and called for the intro-In practice of deserved.

In particular, he said that the library of the life of the caselire.

Responsibility for the obsessing of the caselire must refer the caselire must refer the first instance with the life of the li

in the first instance with respective forces and their comminders, he said. Nor a Britain believe it was pract able to create a new pol-force during the interim peri-M Claude Labbe, the Gaustist spokesman, said that his On the question of demar Front that he did not see h it would be possible to reamorana in areas to the oth This would prolong the c ference indefinitely, and wor amount to partition, and v contrary to the British idea all tentiony coming under t control of the British Govern-Replying to this statemer restions could not be decid Mr. Mugabe said that the in such a "habbazard" mi ner. The Patriotic Front h tabled certain proposals, whi

the Gaullist party. He warned M Barre that he was not on the path to victory.

Answering the debate, M. Barre—who cancelled his visit to London for the Franco-British summit to be present at the debate—said that the latest election (for the Buronen Parliament in Innel had most be discussed one by or What the British Governme was suggesting was merely full, or truce, which he fear would lead to further chaos. Henry Stanhope, Defen Correspondent, writes: T Patriotic Front's demand for Commonwealth peace-keepi force "several thousa strong" for Zimbabwe Rhodes was being viewed with d favour by senior officers at ti Ministry of Defence in Londovesterday.

yesterday. Contingency plans for a mo-modest mountains force between 500 and 600 are aires well advanced, and these a already causing problems f an Army overstretched by i commitments. Under the British plan, Britain won supply more than half of the monitoring troops.

to minister

Paris, Nov 20.—Mauri Losquin, who is serving a 1 year term for robbery has se his densures to the Minister Justice in an artempt to ha

Dentures sent

In September, he cut off finger tip and sent it to the Minister. He threatened continue sending macabre item more fleshy," se said in a lette

Agence France-Press.

China border accord Katmandu, Nepal, Nov 20. Nepal and Chana signed protocol formalizing the 69 mile border between Tibet at

Deflationary measure Jakarta, Nov 20.-A ma running a tyre repeix shop w. sentenced to a seven-mon iail term for scattering nails : the street around his slop.

Policeman shot Parma, Nov 20.-A polis

Mr Gromyko fails in Madrid aims

From Harry Debelius Madrid, Nov 20 Mr Andrei Gromyko, the

Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, who is visiting Spain, appears to hove failed to convince the Spanish Government of the sincerity of Soviet urgings for this country to remain non-aligned.

He had barely left the Moncloa Palace today after spending an hour and a quarter with Señor Suárez, the Prime Minister, before the state-run Radio Nocional prominently reported Nocional prominently reported that Tass news agency had not mentioned the key joints of the speech delivered by Senor Marcelino Oreja, the Spanish Foreign Minister, at last night's banquet in honour of the visitor from the Kremlin. Those points were Spain's conviction that it belongs in file

condemnation of terrorism to an active commitment for international cooperation in a concerted effort to wipe it out.

During the dinner, the Soviet minister said bluntly: "If you want to put missile on our doorstep, don't expect the Soviet Union to remain indifferent." The remark was interpreted as part of the Soviet effort to dissuade Spain from joining Nato. It referred to American plans to replace some older nuclear missiles, now based in western Europe, with new medium-range missiles in those Nato commiss which atcept the Replying to Senor Oreja who had made the point that Spain

Western world and Señor "feels itself to be part of the Oreja's insistence that the time Western world", Mr Gromyko has come to progress from mere said: "A threat of an escalation of the arms race has just developed with regard to Europe. There is an attempt to load the territories of Western European states, Nato members, with new medium-range nuclear

"And this is happening in the content of the recent peaceful initiatives of the Soviet Union. which not only make it possible to avoid the expansion of the arms race in Europe but even make it definitely possible 10 turn it back."
After calling on the Prime

visited Toledo and then returned to the capital to sign

Clashes in **Portuguese** election

Lisbon, Nov 20
The Portuguese parliamentary election campaign has warmed op during the past few days with clashes between pointical factions. Polling day is Decem-

The Democratic Alliance of Christian Democrats and Social Democrats said a 30-strong propaganda motorcade was attacked by left-wing rowdles near Alcochete, 30 miles from Liston.

propagands. The Alliance also claimed that Communists stracked and injured Christian Democrats when they were putting up electioneering posters in a Lisbon suburb and broke up a political meeting in the provincial mining town of Aljustrel, south of Lisbon.

Senhor Alvaro Cumbal, the Communist leader, has come forward to defend communism as being compatible with Roman Catholicism. At a party meeting in the northern cathedral city of Braga, an important stronghold of the church, Senhor Cunhal replied to criticisms of the Portuguese bishops who have warned Catholics not to vote for

"Religious liberty and respect for religious beliefs and prac-

between them can muster only 201 of the 246 votes needed to defeat the Government detect the Government. The Socialists had decided, however, so make the move so es to show up the lack of colessor in the Government and to demonstrate how far apart were the politics of M Raymond Barre, the Prime Minister, from those of the hometically supposed to prove in

evidence by reading to your in-favour of the part of the Government's budget on the raising of revenue because the Covernment would not detail spending cuts of 2,000m francs.

Government out of office be-cause, according to M Remard canse, according to M Bernard. Pors. their secretary-general:
"It is not the moment when our country is fighting against very grave economic difficulties to add a political crisis to those difficulties. But we have the right and the duty to say that the management of our society is bad, badly led and that it is not even being led."

The parties of the left were thus given the chance of tabling their motions of censure. The trouble was that in tabling them they proved that they were at least as badly thus given the chance of left the Government with tabling their motions of censure. The trouble was that in tabling them they proved that they were at least as badly split as the Government because the Communists and Socialists were unable to agree on the wording of a motion of the Kept his strongest words for the Gamilists, however, who, on the wording of a motion the Socialists roundly condemned all government policies. Their by which one should not criticate one; like that of the Communists, severely condemned the actual budget, alrhough in very different ways.

The speeches from the left the Government with the Government with nothing to fear frum a majority varidict of the people. The people of the appropriate words for the Gamilists, however, who, he said, had subjected him to a cross-fire ever since he took office. Turning to M Debré, M Barre said: "If there is a rule by which one should not criticite very different ways.

The fury of the Government with the Government with the people. The different motions showed that the Union of the Left could not be a parliamentary union.

He kept his strongest words for the Gamilists, however, who, he said, had subjected him to a cross-fire ever since he took office. Turning to M Debré, M Barre said: "If there is a rule by which you should not criticize your successors".

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in very different ways.

The speeches from the left were as predictable as their motions. M. François Mitter-rand, the Socialist leader, said that far from opening a dialogue the Government was shutting itself more and more would go against his party's instructions and actually vote for the centure motion. in silence and secrecy. instructions and actual for the centure motion.

They injured party members and destroyed their election propagands. The Alliance also liamed that Comments

Similar claims of destruction by the Democratic Alliance were today made by the Workers' Popular Democratic Union Party (UDP).

Amoco Cadiz claim costs over \$5m

France's huge claim for damages after the Amoco Cadiz oil spill off Brittany now looks likely to be settled at a fraction of the original total of more than \$2,000m (£950m).

Pretracted litigation in the American courts has already meant legal costs of \$500 to \$10m, not far short of the total cost of the previous largest claim in marine history, that involving the Torrey Canyon. The American hearings have also shown that in most cases the commercial and environ-mental effects of the sinking of the big crude-oil carrier in March last year were far less serious than claimed.

The main claimants, each seeking \$300m to \$350m in the American courts, are the French Government, the local authorities or communes, the hotel and tourist industry, the fishermen, the oyster producers, the sea-weed industry and the ferries. But an analysis of the actual damage suffered by these various groups shows it to be

ping troops for the clean-up; on chemicals and hire of transport including British naval vessels; and on compensation to local authorities and hore clean after all, and the botels. vessels; and on compensation summer that the beaches we to local authorities and hore clean after all, and the hor liers from a special fund set and restaurants uncrowded.

But the fishing and seaweed industries seem to have suf-fered little loss. The seaweed crop reached record levels the year of the spill, the only effect of which was to postpone the harvest three weeks while surface oil was cleared. Fishing too, was good, though fishermen say that because of an unaccountable skin aliment more fish than usual had to be

up for the purpose.

The fourist and horse industry, according to the French Government, lost 62 per cent of foreign visitors to Britany and 32 per cent of French. The effect was putchy, with cheap and huxury hotels less affected than those of medium price. But the ferries carried more traffic at realistic levels elsewhere.

sibly almogether less than a than the year before (though tenth of the total.

The French Government has certainly incurred substantial francs a night for empty beds to the costs; in mobilizing and equip by the French Government.

The communes in spite of their large claim for damages, probably had all their costs mer out of the French Government and EEC disaster funds. However, the oyster produ-cers definitely have suffered, with no sales since the spill, and with no sales since the spill, and three years' stock destroyed hecause oysters ingest oil which spoils their flavour. The oysters of the district are specially good, commanding twice the price of those elsewhere.

But what is being shown over.

The tourist and hotel indus-try, according to the French Government, lost 62 per cent of foreign visitors to Brittany and 32 per cent of French. The being pursued on Amoco's

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Iran determined to try hostages unless Shah is handed back

Tehran, Nov 20 - Ayarollah Lillian Johnson, of Elmont, New homeina declared today that York, said she underwent a te remaining 49 American lot of interrogation believe me istages in the occupied United ates Embassy here will be ied as spies unless President arter returns the Shah to

In a statement broadcast by chran radio, he said: "The

has made." Hundreds of thousands of anians are preparing to march the capital and other cities morrow to mark the start of United States, the rest of the efficienth century in the hostages would be freed."

uslim calendar. The marches. Before Ayatollah Khomein's e expected to be the biggest iti-American demonstrations nce the beginning of the cupation of the embassy:op

Ayatollah . Khomeini's stateent today appeared to be rugher than his earlier declara-on that the hostages "should few hours before it was oued the militants released 10 ore Americans who were own to Europe. Before they ft Tebran one of them said the remaining hostages were in greater danger than we

Miss Joan Walsh, when asked a explain the danger, said: Trials, are they not threats?" The six black men and four omen were flown to Frank-art. West Germany, via Paris ad driven to a United States ir Force hospital in Wies-aden for medical examinations and the medical examinations and questioning by United tates officials. They had an motional reunion with two lack marines and another oman hostage who were freed

Monday and are also being
cated at the air force hospital.

All 13 were freed on orders om Ayatollah Khomeini, who ld the militants to release any acks or women among the istages who "were not spies".

e said blacks were oppressed the United States and that uslims treated women kindly. Salim Abmed Salim, president The 10 hostages freed today of the United Nations General ere put on display by their Assembly appealed today for uptors at a press conference the embassy last night hostages. Reuter and AP.

at sude hours of the evening

A black hostage, who was not identified, told the press chaference. "I think there is enough evidence for the United In a statement broadcast by States to Teturn the ex-Shab to thran radio, he said. The fram because, if he has committed all the crimes the spies and after that Carrir students say he has then he ill understand what a mistake should be tried as a criminal. Another hostage said : "We-

want you to understand that we feel that if this issue was resolved by the President of the statement, Mr Abolghassan Sadegh who handles relations with the foreign press, said it had not been decided whether any of the hostages would be tried.

The official Iranian news agency said today that a plan had been submitted to the Revolutionary Council under which Iran would no longer when han would no longer accept American currency as payment for oil shipments.

David Wood writes: British Conservative members of the European Parliament opened a campaign in Brussels to emphasize the European Community's solidarity with the United

Mr Maadron Seligman, European Democratic Group MP for Sussex West, proposed that the European Parliament should European Parliament should call on the Nine to stop buying Iranian oil "urless the prisoners in the American Embassy are released immediately."

The proposal was well received by the Parliament's energy committee. At present the Community takes 8 per cent of its oil imports from Iran. Brussels, Nov 20.—The nine foreign ministers of the European Community called on Iran to release all remaining American hostsees.

Tehran students release messages to embassy

Secret papers show Washington failed to heed warnings

From Robert Fisk Tehran, Nev 20

In years to come, historians may question America's response to the turnoil in Iran over the past 12 dramatic months as carnestly as they now examine the United States' role in Vietnam or Cambodia.

Did the American Govern-ment realize the depth of opposition to the Shelt within his armed forces? Should the Americans have further supported the Islamic government of Mr Mehdi Bazargan? Did Mr Cyrus Vance, the Secretary of State, fail to comprehend the potential Iranian reaction to the Shah's arrival in the United

States? A tiny, incomplete but none the less fascinating insight into these questions has been provided by a set of photocopied documents which Iranian students occupying the American Embassy in Tehran have been making public bere. The papers -all of which are genuine-do not disclose any evidence of spying by embassy staff. Yet they provide valuable evidence about American foreign policy towards Irac over the past year. It is clear from a telegram which the embassy in Tehran received from Washington on July 26 this year that the Shah's future had been a regular subject of discussion in the State Department. The telegram was signed "Vance" but was drafted by Mr. Peter Tarnoff,

drafted by Mr. Peter Tarnoff, Mr. Vance's special assistant. He told the embassy that the State Department was "again considering how to respond to the Shah's continuing query. Regarding establishing residence for himself, the Shabbanou (the Emoress); and his family in the United States. I would like to have your personal and private evaluation of the effect of such a move on the the effect of such a move on the safety of Americans in Iran (especially the official Americans in the compound) as well

The telegram, which is coded secret 194732", went on to ask the embassy official—presumably Mr Bruce Laingen, the

Charge d'Affaires—if his re-sponse to the issue would be different if the Shah renounced the Iranian throne or agreed to forswear political activity of any sort."

Mr Vance felt that "the key to minimizing the impact of the Shah's admission would be in Bazargan and the Government's willingness and ability in such a situation to control and command the security forces guarding our people."

The students did not find her The students did not find Mr

The Students did not find Mr Laingen's reply, but his arti-tude is fairly clear from a memorandum and letter which was sent to Tehran on August 2. It was written by Mr Henry Precht, director of the Office of Iranian Affairs at the State Department, and was classified "secret/sensitive".

The paper noted that if the Shah refused to renounce his claim to the throne after the approval of Iran's new Islamic constitution, "we should make it clear privately to the Shah and his friends that we would and his triends that we would not tolerate any counter-revolutionary acts here which might violate United States law." Publicly, the United States would regard any claim to the throne by the Shah as "invalid".

While believing that "the threat to United States embassy personnel is less now than it was in the spring", Mr Precht felt that "we should make no move towards admitting the Shah until we have obtained and tested a new and substantially more effective guard force for the embassy." the embassy."

This note, which the students wrongly believe to have been written by Mr Laingen, was sent to the Tehran charge by Mr Precht with a covering letter which noted that "with a few details of difference, we Mr Precht's letter also went on to say: "My paper was prepared . . with strict

as on our relations with the instructions not to cut anyone Government of Iran." else in except those shown as else in except those shown as clearing and Peter (Tarnoff). So please protect me absolutely." In other words, the Precht memorandum should never have been sent to the American Embassy in Tehran.

Throughout this period it is apparent that the Americans were still hoping to maintain contact with the military authorities in Iran. On June 15 a memorandum classified
"secret" and coded "P
152135Z," was sent to the
embassy by the American
Department of Defence. memorandum classified

It stated that classified military information about military material and munit-ions, military intelligence and other matters was not to be communicated to the Iranian authorities. Such information already given to the Iranian Government had probably been subjected to compromise ".

A separate document suggests that the American Government, forces.

A note from Washington signed by Mr J. O. Tuttle, Assistant Vice-Director for Plans and Policy for the United States Navy, refers to the work of the American naval artaché in Tehran before the revolution. The attache, Captain Roy Hollingworth, had during the last mouths of the Shab's rule "accurately reported the significant changes transpiring in the Iranian Navy. He observed and critically reported upon the tensions and fissures which were building up in the Iranian

Historians may one day con-clude that the Americans did not pay enough attention to Captain Hollingworth's ail 100 accurate report. They may also feel that Mr Laingen and Mr feel that Mr Laugen and Mr Precht, correctly warned the State Department of the possible repercussions of the Shab's entry to the United States—advice which does not appear to have been heeded by Mr Vance.



Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, in buoyant mood at the

which overestimated the lovalty of the Shah's army, received accurate information on at least one arm of the Shah's military of Arch I commit at Arab League summit

Tunis, Nov 20.-An Arab from other League members, League summit conference including Saudi Arabia. opened here today with a call from Iraq for concerted econo-mic action, including use of the "oil weapn", against countries which support Israel.

President Saddam Husain of Iraq also signalled support for the continued presence of Palestinian guerillas in southern Lebanon.

"Those who support Zionist aggression must understand that their interests are not safe in our region so long as they continue that support", the Iraqi President told the as-sembled Arab leaders.

He said the Arab states possessed weapons—"among which I mention oil —and suggested that the time had come for a special summit on the economic strategy of the Arab states. However, Iraq's earlier calls for an Arab economic summit have

LNLKU

hers were represented by their highest-ranking leaders at the opening of the summit con-After speeches by President

Husain, who spoke in his role as conference chairman by rotation, and President Bourguiba of Tunisia, the conference adjourned. Further meetings will be held behind closed

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) is full mem-her of the Arab League. Mr Yassir Arafat, its chairman, was among the leaders at today's opening session in the main hall of the Tunis International Conference Centre.

This week's summit is the first since President Sadat signed Egypt's peace treaty with Israel last March, prompting the League to move its headbeen blocked by opposition quarters from Cairo to Tunis.

Israel food prices soar as budget takes effect

From Christopher Walker erusalem, Nov 20

Prices of many basic foodstuffs throughout Israel rose by up to 115 per cent this morning as the result of a sudden cutback in government

subsidies.

The move was the key section of a harsh new ecogomic package designed to Fair runaway inflation which at an annual rate of over 100 per cent now ranks among the highest in the world.

There was angry reaction in the supermarkets and on the the supermarkets and on the streets as the price rises were imposed. Cheese went up by 115 per cent, butter by 100 per cent, cooking oil by 60 per cent, and a standard loaf of bread was increased by 43 per cent.

To add to the atmosphere of despondency, Israel radio later confirmed press speculation that the prices of most public services would soon be sharply increased.

increased.
In addition to the withdrawal

of food subsidies, the govern-ments hard hitting package ments nard nitting package included a credit squeeze. a freeze on all public building including hospitals, a 10 per cent levy on all imported goods, and a reduction of 17,500 public service jobs.

Although it had been generally accepted for some weeks that severe measures were vital to the survival of Mr Begin's floundering coalizion, the severity of the package surprised political observers. Within hours of the price ises taking effect, streets in Jerusalem were sealed off by members of the extreme left-wing Black Panthers Group,

who set fire to tyres. Moshe Brilliant writes from Tel Aviv: A left-wing motion of no confidence in Mr Begin's government for its decision to expel the troublesome Mayor of Nablus was easily defeated in the Knesser in Jerusalem today. The fate of the Mayor, Mr Bassam Shaka, will be determined on Thursday when the Israel Supreme Court hears his appeal against the government's

US seeks Security Council help

/ashington, Nov 20

The 13 hostages freed from The 13 hostages treed from ehran will be kept in Weisaden, West Germany, for a few tore days, in a period the State epartment has described as decompression. They may a home for Thanksgiving, on hursday, when the press would e able to interview them.

The period of recuperation, mugh described as a measure mended for their own good. clearly mainly meant to te remaining hostages. When te last 10 to be released were araded before the mob and the levision cameras in Tehran n Monday, they gave a suffi-ently harrowing description of the conditions of their deten-on to inflame yet further pubc opinion here.

When they are entirely free express themselves, their desiptions will presumobly be all ic more graphic and inflama-iry. The White House has tempted to persuade television erworks to play down coverage American reactions to the ents in Tebran, for fear that film of a riot here in which anians are mistreated would

Assyrians stage

trike in Athens

rom Our Own Correspondent thens. Nov 20

A group of 200 Christian

omen and children, went on

bunger strike in Athens yes-

rday demanding prompt per-

nission to emigrate to the nited States. They staged a

it in at the Athens office of

ie Inter-Governmental Commit-

The Assyrians submitted a remorandum outlining their

onditions, and M Jocques Ter-

n, the Athens delegate of the

nited Nations High Commis-

ioner for Refugees, agreed to

eliver it to the United States

Thousands of Assyrians have

At Iraq since 1976. They claim

, he political refugees, but in

rove that they are victims of

ersecution or fear of persecu-

on. Nearly 1,600 Assyrian efugees left Greece this year

settle in various western

Moscow, Nov 20 .- A raider

hot dead a woman cashier and

ounded a policeman during a

old-up at one of Moscow's

oper Sovietskaya Rossiya re-

orted. The injured policeman verpowered the raider with

Johanneshurg, Nov 20.-Four

essengers were killed and 19

njured when a train carrying

porder town of Komanipoort.

Johannnesburg, Nov 20.-A

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Rail crash kills four

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with other members of the United Nations Security Coun-cil the possibility that that body might issue a denuncia-tion of the proposal to put the

Considerations of their countries relations with Iran might cause some of them to hesitate cause some of them to hesitate to express their beliefs too strongly, and the Americans are taying to phrase a resolution to meet their diplomatic concerns while making the main point, that there should be no trial and that the hostages should be released, sufficiently firmly. The Security Council unanimously called on Iran to release the hostages 10 days ago and has rejected a request by Iran for a debate on United States policies, also unanimously.

te hostages. rant violation of human rights. United States representatives religious precepts and inter-

national law."

Meanwhile, the Treasury
Department, which has been
guarding Iranian assets frozen
in United States banks by Presi-

against Iranian students have been issued. Only a few dozen people are unvolved so far, but more will follow.

who support the Ayatollah and those supporters of the former Shah, who might be classified

The White House issued a others. The constitution problestateemat yesterday calling the bits such discrimination.

body might issue a denuncia-tion of the proposal to put the hostages on trial for espionage. Like diplomats from every country, inucluding fran mem-bers of the Security Council believe deventy in diplomatic immunity.

Considerations of their coun-

The Immigration Service, which handles such memors, is faced with the difficulty of distinguishing between Iranians

as political refugees.

There are also legal problems in singling out one category of illegal immigrants (those whose visas have expired or who have worked here, which is illegal) and not other.

Every day more and more people are helping the British Glass Container Industry to save energy and raw materials. How?

by the industry to recycle bottles and jars. It's called the Bottle Bank scheme. In only two

vears the industry has collected over 21 million used glass containers. Crushed them. Mixed them with other raw materials and re-melted them to make new glass containers. Making a considerable saving in raw materials and, more important, energy.

EVERYONE BENEFITS

The scheme directly benefits local authorities and their communities.

There is less waste to dispose of, giving a saving in costs and refuse tipping space.

And since the glassworks pay a guaranteed price for every tonne of glass returned to them, what used to cost local authorities money can now make them a profit. Which can be used to help buy kidney machines for the local hospital, or spent on other community projects.

In two years public response to "Save at the Bottle Bank" has developed into the regular habit of saving glass for thousands of people. In fact response has been so great that the glass industry, in co-operation with local authorities, is now expanding the scheme to 200 towns and cities.

Setting a target to recycle 150,000 tonnes of glass a year This will reduce the demand for virgin raw

materials which, although plentiful in Britain, entails considerable quarrying activities.

But, more important, the use of recycled glass-or cullet as it is called - also reduces the fuel consumption of the glassmaking furnaces.

For example: continuous research into glass melting technology has reduced average fuel consumption by 18% since 1970.

Lightweight bottles such as the daily "pinta." continue to be developed, using 25% less glass, but retain-

There will always be some parts of Britain which are too far away from the glassworks for recycling to be economical. So the industry has sponsored research into new uses for waste glass. As a result floor tiles and surfacing and cladding materials, containing 75% crushed glass, have been developed. Providing yet another outlet for people's empties. Proving that just because glass is inexpensive, that's no reason to waste it.

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All glass can be recycled time and time again,

'Pirate' radio calls Sikhs

From Richard Wigg

Deini, Nov 20

A "pirate" radio is these days calling the Sikh faishful to prayers in the Punjab. It is contravening at least two musty old Acts dating from the British Raj. But by string the transmitter, inside the Sikhs holiest of holy temples at Amritsar the "Pirates" defy and embarrass not merely the central Government in Delhi but the moderate Sikh-ruled but the moderate Sikh-ruled Punjab state Government as well.

For Radio Golden Temple.

Amritsar", by broadcasting the "kirtan" service daily on a tape recording, is clearly intended, by the dissenting faction of the ruling Sikh Akali Dal Party which is behind it as a further step in a stubborn campaign for some kind of autonomous "Sikh homeland".

Purjab is, after all, not far from Islamic Pakistan or the autonomic Picture of the constitution of the consti nost cases they are unable to Ayatollah Khomeini's Iran and caste Sikh village leaders still sometimes use the religious bonds when defending their group's economic interests against untouchable farm lab-

The Delhi Government has gingerly ordered an inquiry into the broadcasts by focal com-munications officials, without knowing however how they can penetrate such a place of worship with the threat of prosecu-

More fundamentally, because of the Sikhs' block of votes in a state where the rich farmers' lobby has great influence over India's agricultural policies, neither Mr Charan Singh's Lok Del party nor Mr Jagjivan Ram's Janata want to do any thing to complicate things for their own supporters inside the

Sikh leadership.
Political negotiations on a formula worked out by leading Sikh priests are now at a delicate singe: Their intention is to unify as far as possible Sikh in-fluence in Delhi: by electoral understandings," with both national parties. That is exactly what the religious-minded pirates of Radio Golden Temple

want to unser.

The desire to install a powerful transmitter so that the

to prayer in Punjab many Sikhs who live and work abroad might bear the Golden Temple prayers service direct has long been nursed by India's

> They number only just over 10 million (at the 1971 census). but they are a rich and go-ahead community based largely in the Punjab which, thanks to the "green revolution" they have made into India's most prosperous state.

> Installing the private trans-nitter at present heard only locally was quickly financed by the prosperous faithful and, apparently with the complicity of the Sikh religious authorities.
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> The Punjab state Government chose to look the other way when the transmitter was

Golden Temple in full view of a congregation early this Radio Golden Temple is part of a sideshow in India's im-mensely varied political subwhich has been progressing for months as centra Government authority declined after the ruling coalition

ceremoniously carried into the

Janata Party broke up.
Mr Prakash Singh Badal, the
Penjab's Chief Minister, who
enjoyed Janata Party support in
the North Indian state, has had to wage a subtle politico-re-ligious battle with opponents who have tried to bring him down with fundamentalist theocratic arguments based on

Sikhism. While Mr Badal has taken his stand on India's secular con-stitution, they have been de-nouncing him in the name of religious sauctioned "panthit unity". A major crisis almost stopped Punjab's life in Septem ber when the Chief Minister was summoned to present him-self before the Akal Takht, the Sikhs' supreme religious coun-

Learned religious debates took pride of place on whether the politician was obliged to attend as a "good Sikh". If he defied the order, issued by the three highest priests, He risked an alienation from the Sikh rank and file, which could have been fatal to his career, particularly in rural Punjab.

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returnable glass bottle.

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Glass Manufacturers Federation, 19 Portland Place, London WIN 4BH.

Bangkok, Nov 20 If the fighting in Kampuchea spills over the border into Thailand then the Thai Army will hit back at both Khmer guerrillas and Vietnamese roops, Mr Upadit Pachari-yangkun, the Thai Foreign Minister told The Times today. Describing the conflict in Kampuchea as tense and dangerous, Mr Upadit said that That authorities were worried that Vietnamese forces might cross the border in hot pursuit when they launch a dry season offensive against supporters of the ousted radical Marxist Pol Pot regime, in the coming

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weeks.
"The border is very long and if the fighting intensities, then there is the danger it will spill over into our territory. The military believe that Vietnam is planning to launch an all-out offensive. We do not know. But we have made it very clear that whoever encroaches on our territory will be disarmed. And if they do not allow themselves to be disarmed then we will take counter-measures. That is our determined policy and that is why we hope armed troops will not cross the border into Thailand in hot pursuit. We will not tolerate it if this happens."

Intelligence reports indicate that the offensive against Kinner guerrilla camps near the border is expected to begin when Vietnam moves five of its crack divisions from the centre of Kampuchea to the western

frontier.

If Vietnam does reinforce divithree South Vietnamese divi-sions on the western frontier then Thailand snight have no alternative but to increase the strength of its troops, 15,000 of whom are already defending the border, Mr Upadit dis-

closed.
"We have deployed our soldiers with the objective of defending the territorial integ-rity of Thailand. As long as there is a confrontation between the two forces near the border, there is the possibility that the fighting will spill over into Theiland.

He denied allegations by Vietnam that Thailand was provid-ing Khmer Rouge forces with safe bases along the frontier. The Vietnamese also allege that Thailand and Western relief agencies are providing Pol Pot supporters with food and medi-

cine.

Thailand's policy is one of strict neutrality", the minister involved in the conflict in Cambodis. We want to see an early restoration of peace otherwise the scope of the lighting might intensity."

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Denying allegations that
Thailand was assisting the
Khmer Rouge Mr Upadit said
that it was difficult to identify
soldiers mingling with the tens
of thousands of refugees who
had crossed the border in

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shoulder a tremendous burden. It is unfair and yet we have taken it on because of humanirarian reasons. At the moment we are taking steps to make sure that the Khmers do not use Thailand as a base. That is camps right sway from the border." why we are moving the refugee

As the only non-communist frontline state embroiled in the fighting between the feuding Marxists in Indo-China, Thai-land has been greatly fortified by the United Nation's overwhelming support for the resolution calling for the with-drawal of all foreign troops from Kampuchea,

"As one of the co-sponsors of this resoution, Mr Upadit said, "We regard it as a smashing victory for the cause of peace, justice and right. The fact that 91 countries voted for our resolution is tremendous. It will place diplomatic, political and moral pressure on a country

moral pressure on a country that has done something wrong. They cannot ignore the opinion of the world."

But he expressed concern that moves were being made in the West to support the recognition of the Vietnamese-installed regime in Phnom Penh.

"We do not necessarily "We do not necessarily support the actions of Pol Pot. But one has to approach this from an aspect of legality. We have recognized the Government of Democratic Cambodia (ousted during the Vietnamese invasion in January) because we are convinced it is the sole and legal Government. It was toppled during an invasion committed by outsiders. And in the view of the majority of nations this is a blatant violation of international law. international law.
"It is not that we love Mr

To it is not that we love Mr Pol Pot. It is the principle that counts because if you sanction this kind of illegal action, if we do not stand by this principle then the same thing could happen to any other country. It could be Thailand next.

However he admits that the upheavel in Indo-China has demoralized local Thai insurgents. The Voice of the People of Thailand, the Thai community Thailand, the Thai community Thailand, the Thai community Thailand, the Thailand, or Insuland, the Insu communist radio station in southern China has ceased broadcasting since Peking has supported Thailand in its stance against the Vietnamese invasion. At the same time the pro-Chinese Communist Party of Thailand has lost its bases in Lang and lost its bases in Laos and

"But if anything has de-moralized the communist and their potential supporters then it is probably the events that have taken place in Cambodia ", Mr Upadir concluded.

Neil Kelly writes from Aranya prathet, Thailand: Thailand is ready for a possible outbreak of fighting in the next day or two when its Army begins moving up to 300,000 Kampucheans into what seems cheans into what seems destined to become the biggest refugee camp in the world, 17 miles north of here.

Senior army officers said today that there was danger

this war is not of Theiland's that some Kampucheans they ing aid from Bangkok.—Reuter. I groups.

tense border to the new camp eight miles from it would offer armed resistance. No Kampu-cheans, they said, would be forced out of their own territory but efforts would be made to persuade as many as possible to leave for their own safety. Some of these anti-communist Kampucheans fighting the Vietnamese from border areas will

not readily give up the battle. The Thai officers said that consequently those soldiers, most of whom had fought in the right-wing army defeated by the communists in 1975, were likely to remain inside Kampuchea but they would be urged to move further from the border.

Further south, two more new camps are being prepared for the expected influx of Kampucheans. The larger one will occupy much of the narrow strip of Thai territory wedged between Kampuchea and the

Increased numbers of Pol Pot guerrillas and their supporters are now close to the border in the south, according to Marine corps officer.

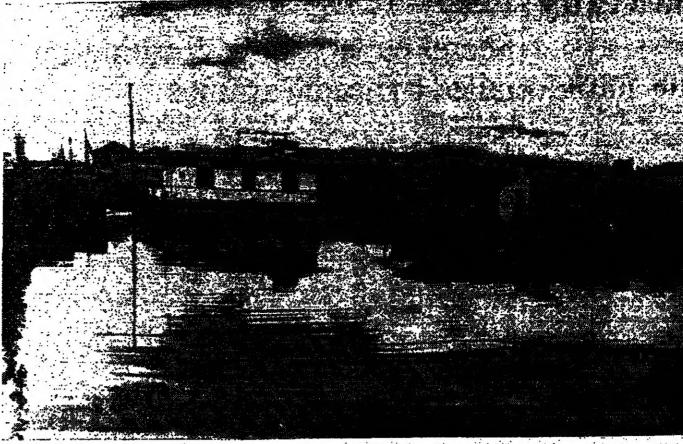
Vietnamese soldiers had made three known incursions into Thailand in the past eight days, killing three Thai marines, the same officer said. "The men who came on to our territory wore Vienamese army uniform including the distinctive helmet. Heng Samrin soldiers (those supporting the Phnom Penh Government) wear very different hats which are black and wide-brimmed". Red Cross Appeal: The British Red Cross Society is urgently appealing for doctors and nurses willing to work on a three months contract in the

holding camps for Kampuchean refugees in Thailand. The International Committee of the Red Cross, which is responsible for coordinating medical aid for all refugees in Thailand, is already operating in the two existing camps and is now installing two field hospitals. Each with 2,500 beds, and an intensive feeding unit

in the new camps. Mr Terry Palmer, director of International Aid, said today: "The British Red Cross is look ing for eight teams, 50 people in all, two teams to go imme-diately and six to leave in Dec-

Doctors and nurses prepared to go to Thailand should contact the International Aid Department, British Red Cross Society, 9 Grosvenor Crescent, London, SW1. Applicants must have a minimum of three years' post-quelification experience. A broad training, experience in tropical medicine, gynaecology, mid-wifery, paediatrics and nutrition are desirable.

Bangkok, Nov 20.—A second Western ship carrying relief supplies to Phnom Penh is believed to have arrived there. The French ship Ile de Lumière, carrying about 1,000 tonnes of supplies, was spotted close to Phnom Penh yesterday by an Australian aircraft ferry-



Greek floods: A village street in Northern Greece stands under water after two days of torrential rains and gale-force winds. Fifteen people were drowned and livestock lost as the flood waters inundated thousands of homes. A state of emergency has been declared in all provinces of

Northern Greece. Communications are

disrupted by the collapse of bridges, and Army units are helping to evacuate people from villages threatened by fresh floods.

Flood waters surging south from Yugoslavia could aggravate the situation. In Southern and South-western Yugoslavia the floods have so far claimed 14 lives. Thousands of homes have been inundated. As rain continued to fall yesterday the rail links between Yugoslavia and Greece were in part swept away. Most seriously hit is the Ulcinj area of Montenegro pro-vince. The Bojana river has burst its banks, adding to the plight of the in-habitants left homeless by the spring

Centre-left
Political Bolivian Cabinet-is sworn in

La Paz, Nov 20.—Sen Lidia Guesier, the President boliviz, swore up her cen-hit Cabinet here yesterday. The Cabinet, formed over weekend after the feturn civilian rule, includes only Military men, Colonel Mag Ayoroa, the Defence Minas Señor Oscar Bonifaz Minister for Mining in the vious civilian administrat has retained his portfolio. "pro-Chinese" Communist included in the new Cabine The Government's immed priority will be to try to st pare for national electi-scheduled for next May. Present at the swearin ceremony was Señor Victor Estenssoro, three times Pr dent and now widely conside as "the power behind throne." Eight of the 19 mi ters belong to his party. The full Calmet is:

Foreign Affairs: Julio Garret Interior: Jorge Selum Denfence: Colonel Miguel Ayo Education: Carlos Carrasco Fransport and Communication

No progress in reserving Delhi jobs

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi, Nov 20 The proposal to reserve 25 per cent of central government posts for India's backward posts for India's classes was still at the con-sideration stage, said Mr Yesh-wantrao Chavan, the Home

Minister. of reluctance for the scheme which is being pushed by Mr Charan Singh, the caretaker Prime Minister, in a bid to attract votes from members of the middle-ranking Hindu

castes at the January general election.

Mr Chavan, like many of the leaders of the Congress Party opposed to Mrs Gandhi, belongs to one of the higher castes who figure largely in all central government jobs.

A decision to implement Mr Charan Singh's scheme would represent another strain on the

Charan Singh's scheme would represent another strain on the fragile coalinon between the Congress and Mr Charan Singh's own Lok Dat Party. Air Charan Singh's party is now considering whether the hoped for electoral advantage could be achieved by including a pledge on the jobs in the party's election programme.

Murdoch takeover bid for father's press group

From Douglas Acon
Melbourne, Nov 20
Mr. Rupert Murdoch, proprietor of the News of the World,
the Sun and various American
publications, pinns to take over
the Herald and Weekly Times
Limited, the largest publishing
group in the southern hemisphere.
His Australian company,
News Limited, announced today
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that it intended to spend about
\$\frac{1}{2}\$ Allow (650m) for half of the
issued capital in the Herald
company.

If the bid succeeds, Mr Musdoct will be by far the most
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Reshuffle in Uganda gives President more power

regarded as one of the strongest resonalities in the post-Amin ministration, has been made Minister of Regional Coopera-tion, with responsibility for Uganda's relations with neigh-bouring African countries. This

bouring African countries. This move is seen as reducing his power to influence events in Uganda.

Mr Oteme Alimadi, has retained the key post of Foreign Minister, Mr Faulo Muwanga kept the Internal Affairs Ministry, and Mr Jack Sentongo the Finance Ministry.

Mr Ateker Ejake, the former Minister of Regional Cooperation, is named as Ambassador to Japan, and Mr David Barlow, the former police commissioner, is appointed Ambassador to France. Both these political

could be achieved by including a pledge on the jobs in the party's election programme.

Janata draws its support from the higher castes plus the Untouchables, who already enjoy the kind of government job reservation Mr Charan Singh wants for other caste groups.

From Charles Harrison appointments have caused surprise as they were expirted to prise as they were expirted to prise as they were expirted to diplomatic experience.

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radio ammunicament, asked anxiously: "Am I still in?"
The changes were apparently not notified to the National Consultative Council, Uganda's interim Partiement, altirough that body insists that it must approve all key appointments. Mr Yusufu Lalle, the former President, was ousted in June on the ground that he had not secured the National Consultative Council's approval for Cabinet changes.

Mr Lule subsequently claimed that his removal was engineered by President Nyerere of Tanzania's continued

opposed Tanzania because he opposed Tanzania's continued control on Ugandan affairs There are still 20,000 Tanzanian troops in Uganda, far

100 coup suspects held in Seychelles roundup

From Our Correspondent Nairobi, Nov 20

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The wave of arrests in the release have failed.

Seychelles, after the alleged the detachment of discovery of a pism to stage a coup against President Rene, chelles since the appears to have been halted.

The official Seychelles news Mancham and broug agency reports that "about 80" to power. They are people are now detained, although unofficial sources in the Seychelles say the number the main island, although unofficial sources in the Seychelles say the number. The latest coup follow several weeks

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President René, in a broadcast, claimed this week that enemies of his socialist government in South Africa and France had recruited mercenaries, who have been standing by in Durban ready to move to the Seychelles. The plan was to launch surprise attacks and to assasshate him and other leaders, he said.

A French rechnical adviser working with the Seychelles police, M Jacques Chevalereau, has been arrested and questioned and efforts by M

François Dore, the Fre-A detachment of Tanz troops has been in the chelles since the 1977 which overthrew Mr Ja Mancham and brought Mr I to power. They are deploye the main island, Mahe,

with the police.
The latest coup allegafollow several weeks of un Thousands of children des strated last month against possis for a national youth vice. This was followed by banning of the indepen paper, Weekend Life we editor, Mr Bernard Verla was among those later arra and detained.

No charges have so far i made against the pe detained. Last year Presi René amounced that he averted a planned coup, several people were arrested and later depo Crown the Seychelies. The known to be consider apposition to the Government socialist policies.

More coup detainees freed by Indonesia

Jakarta, Nov 20
Indonesia today released nearly 1,900 people who have been held on the remote island of Buru since an abortive Communist coup in 1965. In a ceremony outside a Jakarta youth centre, husbands and fathers who tad not been seen for 10 years and more were embraced.

years and more were embraced by their families.

They were the last of 11,000 people held in the Buru penal colony, "B" category prisoners suspected of involvement in the comp attempt but egainst whom no legal charges were brought. Today's release leaves 2,211 suspected Communists still in detention.

Lieutenant-General Yoga Sugama, Chief of Staff of Kopkamub, the National Security Agency, told reporters after today's ceremony that the remaining detainees would be freed before Christmas, bring-ing the total released to about half a million.—Reuter.

Professor killed by gang in Istanbul street

From Sinan Fisek
Ankara, Nov 20
Professor Umit Yasar Doganay, assistant Dean of the
School of Political Sciences in
Istanbul and a teacher of civil
law at the Istanbul Law School, was murdered today in a ter-rorist attack in front of his

Professor Doganay, who was 50, was leaving his flat in the professors' residences in Istanbul when three youths and a girl jumped out of a parked car and opened fire with automatic weapons. weapons.

They fired 25 rounds of which
23 hit the professor who died on

the spot.

His chauffeur was taken to hospital with serious chest wounds and the porter at the block of flats was also injured.

The assailants are believed to be extreme right-wing militants. was murdered. They fled in the car which the neo-fascist elempolice said, had been stolen the he was not known previous night. A boy of 12, who political views.

witnessed the enack said the four men were aged 16 or 17
"no more" They had been waiting in the parked car for 20 minutes before the shooting.
Students at the two schools where Professor Doganay taught did not attend classes in protest. The Dean of the Istanbul Law School suspended classes
Professor Doganay was the latest in a series of murders of academics in Turkey allegedly by right-wing terrorists. Nearly 2,500 people have died in the past two years in acts of politi-

past two years in acts of politi-cal violence.

The violence has shown a marked increase during the past week. The murder on Monday night of the Ilban Egemen Darendeliogn, a journalist and former MP, who was a leading figure of the extreme right, believe that Professor Doganay was murdered in reprisal by neo-fascist elements, although he was not known to hold strong weithers!

Corruption wri against former minister dropp

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, Nov 20 The Malaysian Governt today withdrew 17 charge corruption, criminal breactrust and using public postor private gain against D Harun Idris, the former (Minister of Selangor State.

A charismatic member of ruling Unried Mala Nazional Organiz (UMNO), Datuk Harun is serving a six-year jail sent but retains considerable port within the party. Datuk Abu Tatip Osman Solicitor General, gave no sons for his withdrawal of charges which was accepted the High Court today. Datuk Herun, aged 56, a tish-trained barrister, had Chief Minister of Selangor 12 years when he was rem from office in 1976 and

Multinationals favoured target for terrorists

From Michael Leapman

incidents and they are occurring at a rate of between 250 and 300 a month. The total for all of last year was 1,511. In 1972 the total was only 206. These findings were released in conjunction with a report. International Terrorism and Business Security". prepared

New York, Nov 20

The number of terrorist incidents throughout the world has doubled since last year, according to a surface out some charges in the report, Mr.

E. Patrick McGuire, its author, pointed out some charges in

has doubted according to a study published the nature of terrorism numbers the first nine months of the year there were 2,662 are increasingly international corporations rather than government or military installa-

The structure of terrorist groups was becoming less cen-tralized, he pointed out, making it harder to combat them. Thus the murder of Lord Mountbat. Terrorists tend to be insu-executive ten, he said, seems to have lated and estranged from napped. by the Conference Board, a business research organization.

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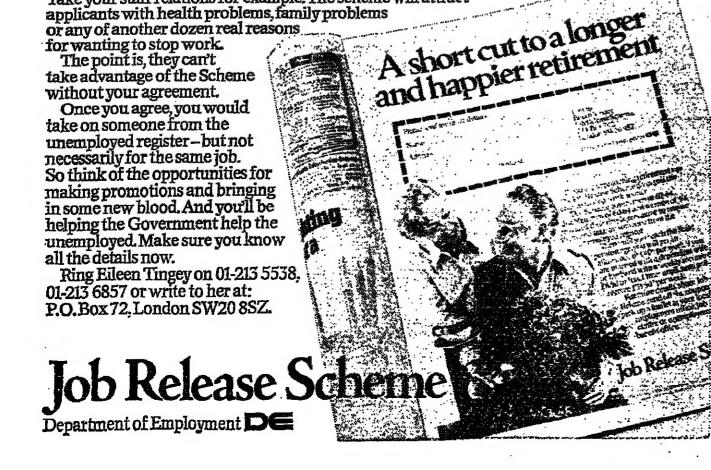
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He takes issue with the that nothing is really solve terrorism. About 80 per

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Government has decided that gould not be right for the Proposition of Official Information Bill proceed further in present distances. Mirs Margaret ticher, aumounced to cheers at me Minister's question time.

Dennis Canavan (West Stirlingster, Lab) had said earlier—Miss ther should find our whether fact that a self-confessed trailing the standard of the Royal Household was at known all along to the head hat household.

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Sir Michael Havers, in a written reply said.—Nome.

Mr. Anthony, Marlow (Northempton, North, C) asked the Attorney General to specify under what legal provisions Anthony Blunt was given immunity from prosecution; and whether there was any power to revoke this decision at a later date.

Sir Michael Havers—The indertaking to Mr. Blunt that he would not be prosecuted was given on the authority of the then Attorney General, who, as the principal Law

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lause which would have pro-ted advertisements on hypno-and the issue to the public of nophone records capable of inng hypnotism was delend the Hypnotism Bill during committee stage. Earl of Kinnoull (C), the s sponsor, moved an amend-t to remove the clause. He said to but the use of advertising he sale of discs would be unfair eltimate hypno-therapists who sought to put their own house reer by introducing a code of

seemed unfair they should be ed with the "cowboys" who not have their experience. The 1 object of the Bill remained, there should be better protec-of the public in stage hypno-

I Sandys, Captain Yeomen of Guard, said Home Office in-ies had not brought any evi-te of abuse which might justify phion of the cause. He recom-ded acceptance of the amend-

te amendment was agreed to the committee stage was coned.

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Protecting workers from shop stewards

The reputation of Sir Michael Mrs Thatcher—There is no parallel Edwardes was becoming more and between the two cases, more like the mole at Bridah Ley—Mr Hilary Miller (Bromsgrove and land, wretking the firm from Redditch, C)—Would the Governland, wrecking the firm from within, Mr Robert Cryer (Keigh-ley, Lab) said during questions to the Prime Minister. He said Mrs Thatcher should condemn the wretling factics of the British Leyland management in seeding to victimise a short steward who has a different view to the

who has a different view to the management.
Mrs. Mangaret Thatcher (Barnet, Finchley, C)—As Mr. Cryer knows, these matters are for the management of British Leyland and not for me. I shall leave the management of British Leyland to them.
Mr. Terence Davis (Birmingham, Stechford, Lab)—Will she reflect on the strange contrast in the treatment given to a secret Communist who has committed treason and an openly Communist shop steward at British Leyland?

Redditch, C)—Would the Government consider amendments to industrial relations legislation with the object of affording some protection to ordinary shop floor workers who wish their company to be successful and who do not wish to be penalised by having to be out on strike for eight weeks or more on union instructions, and afford them protection against shop streards who not only ignore their wishes as expressed in a ballot but seek to undermine their companies and their jobs? (Conservative cheers.)

Mrs Thatcher—I had hoped that the shop floor, by its decisive decision, had protected itself. We will consider any further matters that MFs wish to put before us because we are anxious the shop floor should be protected.

serve will be open to experienced, qualified officers under age 38 who have left the Royal Navy within the past five years; their Reserve training will be on a flying refresher basis with retention dependent upon maintaining satisfactors standards.

The front line training will be

carried out with disembarked squadrons and the support role

New Royal Naval Reserve to be formed

Mr Keith Speed Under Secretary of Defence for the Royal Navy, said in a waitten reply: A Royal Naval Reserve Air Branch is to be formed, as part of the Royal Naval Reserve commencing in 1980. The role will be twofold; to augment fromt line squadrons, and increase the pool of expertise for communications flying in support of other Royal Naval activities.

Initially up to 40 pilots and observers will be recruited possibly increasing to 60 in 1982-83. The re-

Scottish bail law | Aid for changed

House of Lords
When the Bail etc (Scorland) Bill
was considered in committee, Lord
Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Advocate, made his maiden speech in
the House, moving a Government
imendment to provide that a person on bail wishing to change his
address must obtain the permission
of the court by written application,
The amendment was agreed to
and the committee stage was concluded.

Lee-on-Solent. fishing

isfactory standards.

flying training will be

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minis-ter of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in a written reply, said the Government prop shortly to seek the approval of Parliament to continue to provide finance through the White Fish Authority in the financial year 1980-81 for assisting the fishing industry to purchase new vessels or improve others.

school transport in rural areas

Although the Government was expecting savings to be made next year of some 15 per cent—f20m our of a total of f125m—there was still a streadle subsidy evaluable for school transport, Mr Neil Macfarlane, Under-Secretary for Education and Science, said during questions.

Mr. Team Floreton (Reserve and Rad

Mr Tom Hooson (Brecon and Rad-nor, C) had pointed out that rural education authorities bore an exceptional responsibility in trans-porting children to school. Can Mr Macfarlane consider (He said) means of recognizing the extra transport costs rural authorities have to incur?

bir Mactariane (Sutton and Cheam, C).—The Secretary of State (Mr Mark Cartisle) has recognized the problem which has been special me problem which has been special to rural areas for some time where they often have inadequate public transport. For this reason, local education authorities will still be required to provide transport for children who live beyond the statutory walking distance.

Mr Alan Beith (Berwick-upon-Tweed, L).—Does he expect rural counties who are unable to meet the full savings he has asked for in the full savings he has asked for in transport, to make an equivalent saving in other areas?

Mr Macfarlane—It is up to them precisely how it is made up.

Mr John Cumningham (White-haven, Lab)—In areas like Cumbria there is just no alternative to the local education authority providing transport to get children to school. The cost of providing school transport, because of energy costs and other costs, is going to increase. There is no opportunity to make savings; quite the reverse.

Air Macfarlane—The legislation

Air Mactariane—The legislation proposed and currently at its committee stage is certainly not intended to remove those provisions which exist already. Many anomalies exist within the two and three mile limit. It is our intention to maintain a close review as the legislative proposals are discussed by each local education authority. Bit Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C1—Auxiery is mounting in rural areas, especially among parents whose children attend denominational schools. (Labour cheers.) As a number of attend denominational schools. (Labour cheers.) As a number of rural schools will probably close in order to reationalize and save money, many parents are going to face greater burdens than in the past. (Renewed Labour cheers.) Mr Macfariane—Where children are affected by a school closure, authorities will be able to offer transport to the displaced children and will be able to charge for doing so. There is nothing in the present proposals which is discriminazory.

Mrs Ann Taylor, an Opposition spokesman on education (Bolton, West, Lab)—The provisions in the Education Bill make a mockery of all the minister says about parental choice in education. Many parents will not have any choice because they will not be able to pay the fares to send their children to school some distance away.

school some distance away.

Why is the provision on school transport in the Bill if it is not to facilitate public expenditure cuts?

Mr Macfarlane—It most certainly is in the Bill to enforce public expenditure savings. She said it was a mockery: there are many mockeries already within the two and three mile limit. For example, and three mile limit. For example the poor family living within the two or three mile limit who do not receive any assistance whatever, and the better-off family living outside the limit who do receive

Mr Philip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab) said there was great public outrage at the removal of free school transport under section 23 which was a violation of all the undertakings given to the denominational schools under the 1944 Acr.

In my constituency the largest Roman Catholic secondary school has over half of its children dependent on free school transport. What is he going to say to the parents of the children as these measures are going to stop them sending their children to school? Mr Macfarlane—I understand their carrieries. I counce agree when he Mr Macfarlane—I understand their amieties. I cannot agree when he says there is deep public outrage. I do not believe this is the case. (Labour cries of "O".) What I believe is the degree of misunderstanding about how local education nuthorities might decide to use their power to charge.

There is at this moment no statu-tory requirement on a local auth-ority ander the present Education Act to provide tree school trans-port for children attending a deno-mination school unless there is no nearer appropriate school.

Dog licence Mr Jerry Wiggin., Parliamentary Secretary, Mimister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in a written reply said—Charges for keeping dogs were levied at various rates between 1796 and 1867, when the present flat-rate excise duty was introduced at an initial level of 55 (250) are dog. In terms of pur-

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introduced at an initial level of 5s (25p) per dog. In terms of purchasing power, the corresponding amount today might lie in the range £4 to £5.

Worry about | Sir Keith Joseph sees British Aerospace following successful precedent of BP

was a successful and important national asset, Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Industry, secretary of State for the second reading debate on the British Aerospace Bill. The purpose of the Bill, he explained, was to enable the organization to be even more effective and successful. me Sill, he explained, was to enable the organization to be even more effective and successful.

It had to operate in an intensely fierce international world of competition. Its success would depend upon first class team work; in marketing, design, research, development, production, in the supporting skills of brain and vision and of hand under the leadership of people with drive and imagination and with management of high quality.

Sir Keith Joseph paid tribute to the present board, the chairman and directors of British Aerospace, management and staff, and to the line record they inherited from private enterprise.

The change we propose in the BHI (he said) is in no sense whatsoever a judgement, let alone a criticism, of them as individuals or as a team. The fact is that we still do not believe that nationalization is the right framework for so intensely competitive and sophisticated an industry.

In nationalized industry there could not be the unremitting pressure to serve the customer, and serve him well and profitably, that flowed from the need of private enterprise to depend upon its own resources. In the last resort, a private enterprise company lived under the sanction of the fear of bahkrupty.

A nationalized industry lived under the sanction of the fear of bahkrupty.

A nationalized industry, on the other hand, however good the people in it, was finmune from many of the pressures which stimulated efficiency. The immunity from these pressures which stimulated efficiency. The immunity from these pressures of the market could—he was not saying that in the case of British Aerospace it had—relax the dedication to the customer's service. The Government saw the movement of British Aerospace from nationalized to private company status as beneficial in every way: to those who owned it, those

He hoped the Opposition would accept that although he had a doctrine, a thesis, the action proposed in this Bill was not a doctrinaire acdon. I Labour laughter) What was proposed was only such a change as would, while retaining a large Government stake, suffice to remove the immunity from the market which the Government saw as a danger of the continuation of the success. to the continuation of the success of British Aerospace.

It was the Government's hope that the framework proposed in the Bill would provide a stable position for this important and successful industry. successful industry.

We are offering (he went on a pattern of ownership that follows the successful precedent established in the case of British Petroleum, where there was for many decades a large Government public ownership share coupled with a large private enterprise share, all associated under independent and highly successful management in a very competitive international world. nccessful industry.

world.

The Government believed that management would function best when it knew that its business was attenty dependent upon pleasing not ministers or civil servants, however well-intentioned, but customers and investors.

The Dilly Empires was to establish

who worked in it, those who supplied it and those who were its customers.

He hoped the Opposition would accept that although he had a doctrine, a thesis, the action posed in this Bill was not a doctrinaire action. (Labour the shares to the public. They had created what they hoped would be a stable framework for partner-

ship.
We want to demonstrate, by the retention of a very substantial shareholding (he said) that al-though we propose to self a share in the ownership, we have com-plete confidence in the industry's future.

The time of the sale would de-pend on suitable market condi-tions.

tions.

He did not doubt that the two directors appointed by the Government would discuss with the chairman any comments they intended to make to the Government. He would expect and require them to inform the chairman before discussing the company's affairs with the Government. power of veto and would not be able to issue directions to the company. They would be pre-cluded from voting in board meetings on contracts between Government and British Aero-

Space.
The Government was confident was otterly dependent upon pleasing not mimisters or civil servants, however well-intentioned, but customers and investors.

The Bill's purpose was to establish a stable partnership between public and private ownership which they hoped would endure over the decades ahead, whatever the Government of the day.

I shall emphasize (he said) that whatever the precise share ownership of the Government, we do not intend to exercise control.

It was proposed to encourage employees to own some shares. Until it could be known what proportion of the shares would be taken by employees, they could not tell what would be or would not be the numerical majority share ownership. The Government is general liability would be impressed by the strength of feel-

ing throughout Brinsh Acrospace for keeping together the present The decision to maintain the present business intact ensured the new company would provide com-plete continuity with the national-

zed industry it succeeded. There would be no effect on the position of employees in the organizations; their contracts of service would continue and pension enridement would continue. There would be other essential elements of continuity. Specific

elements of communty. Specimic agreements entered into by British Aerospace would be honoured. The agreement entered into by the Government in respect of British Aerospace's obligations 2s 2 member of the Airbus industry would also be honoured. The Bill provided that the suc-

The Bill provided that the successor company was to be liable for judgment debts of companies which became its wholly owned subsidiaries on the appointed day but only where the cause of action arose before that day. It is also provided for outstanding liabilities of British Aerospace, which on the appointed day became liabilities of the successor company, to be discharged by the Secretary of State in the event of the successor company being wound up except merely on a reconstruction or amalgamation. The Government would continue to be the company's main customer and continue to support, where appropriate, the company's overseas marketing efforts. The Government would be the largest single shareholder in the successor company.

cessor company. enable men and women to invest directly and indirectly in the industry, freeing the Government and the taxpayers from a significant contribution to the public sector borrowing requirement. It

Worst of all possible worlds-Mr Silkin

Mir John SILKIN, Chief Opposition spokesman on industry (Lewisham, Deptiord, Lab), said as recently as May the Conservative manifesto had said the Tories would offer to sell back to private ownership the had said the Tories would offer to sell back to private ownership the recently nationalized aerospace and simpbuilding concerns, but it was a policy that had for various reasons to be reversed in some way by as early as July 23.

Sir K. Joseph's dilemma had been how to reverse it and at the same time suitsfy the impartence of Conservative MPs. How was he to ditch the manifesto? It was suggested to him that the correct method of doing this was to alter the framework of the ownership of the industry. So he moved from a state corporation to a public company.

puny.

That was why he had broght forward a Bill to provide, roughly speaking, for 50 per cent Government held shares and 50 per cent privately held shares. When he said the Government would not interfere in effective control, this was window-dressing.

The Government was guaranteeing the completion of the Airbus
contract, the military undertaking
and the obligations that survived.
There was one are sently length That was not an arm's length Deleace was the meanspring of possibly keep up with the enteransaction between government the aerospace industry. It was an mous demands of this industry.

there were important national con-siderations. But he ignored the fact that if there was a private share-holding and the Government was not going to exercise control and management, it was not able to stop the articles of association from being changed. It was not able even to exclude foreign in-Sir Keith understood he had got to have governmental control but at the same time he had to please his backbenchers. So he was choos-

There were good reasons why the industry was nationalized and should remain nationalized. should remain nationalized.

It was essential that there should be a merger of the competing groups. Private enterprise had tried desperately to bring this about for a decade, and had falled.

Private sector firms were not able to finance modern projects or research, and as high technology became more and more involved they were less and less likely to do so.

civil aircraft.

The only occasion he knew of the House confiscating shares was when the Conservative Government confiscated shares in Rolls Royce. It was done by confiscating that

What was being seen was not a vast saving to the taxpayer but an accountant's sleight of hand, merely changing the name from a corporation to a public company, whining off all its horrowing from the PSBR.

control as much as they could.

There was no finance available from private sectors which could

about to undergo, some were undergoing how, a major re-equipment programme. In the early
1980s there would be about 3,500
new aircraft, maybe more, being
used by world air fleets. Were
British Aerospace optin gout of
this? If they were to opt out of
new models at a time when the
world was recognized Parliament world was reequipping, Parliament had a right to know. If British Aerospace was not opt

ing out, where was the money a viable aircraft industry. Sir Keigh had been fairly astute in devising something which looked to his Conservative friends as though it was total denationalizashares would be offered to a group of small shareholders— employees. They would not have any rights. The pension fund yould mke over not 50 per cent but a large minority, and the Government would keep the existing control as much as they could convote the control of the contr The Opposition would oppose

Aviation Bill not an exercise in asset stripping

The Civil Aviztion Bill was read a second time by 311 votes to 247—Government majority, 64, on Monday night. During the later stages of the debate,
Mr Walter Johnson (Derby, South,
Lab) said the workers the industry did not want the Bill which
they considered to be unnecessary.
Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C) said he welcomed and generally supported this legislation. It was necessary to be careful about the rosh for cheaper fees.

Mr George Foulkes South Ayrshire, Lab) said the real purpose of the Bill was to provide profit for the Government friends.

Mr Russell Kerr (Hounslow, Fel-

Mr Stadley Clinton Davis, an Oppo-sition spokesman on Trade (Hack-ney, Central, Lab) said the Secre-tary of State was inconsistent. On the one hand he said the Government was to stand back. If so there was a risk that a substantial minority shareholder could fill the

tham and Heggin, Lab) said the road to salvation for Brit civil aviation lay ahead on the path of the mass market.

To suggest that one of the principal purposes of the operation was theft. Under their logic, it would not constitute theft to steal the shares from shareholders of the new British Airways.

The Bill was vert another example

public pillage.
The Bill was yet another example of the Government's doctrinal spasms. It was an ill-conceived scheme and even from the point of view of the Government's own position did nothing to engender onndence. It was an abdication of respon-

sibility. What it indicated was that there was a desire by many Conservatives not so much to fly the flag as to fly it at half-mast. This could lead to the destruction of British Alrways.

Mr. Norman Tehbit, Under Secre-

lize the industry.

Alrways.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Under Secremry of State for Trade (Waltham
Forest, Chingford, C), said that if
the Government had wanted a
quick cash raising exercise it could
easily have sold British Alrways
belivanters hotels and Internace. easily have sold british always belicopters, botels and international Air Radio. It had not done that. It was selling a share of a going concern and not dismembering it. The Government did it this way because it was not an asset shipping exercise.

MP's Bill seeks to end practice of jury vetting office, special branch files and even local CID files about the background of individual jurors

Jury vetting had been conducted in secrety to the detriment of justice and had done a good deal to damage faith in England's system of justice Mr Alfred Dubs (Wandsworth, Battersea, South, Lab) said when he successfully sought leave to introduce the Jury Vetting (Abolition) Bill to end the practice. The Bill had three main aims: to

The Bill had three main aims: to sholish the practice of jury vetting; to make it illegal for the prosecution or the defence to investigate or make inquiries about the individuals on a jury panel; and to require the prosecution to prove their reasons for objecting to a juror.

The practice of jury vetting had been going on, largely in secret, for a number of years. In Scotland there was no such practice.

Under jury vetting the prosecution was given access to the panel of names from which the jury would be selected and the prosecution in certain cases could then

tion in certain cases could then check with the criminal records

which the prosecution had.

The practice detracted from the principle that a jury should be randomly selected. It impinged significantly on the civil liberties of jurors. Jurors who were obliged to perform a public service might be forced unknown to themselves to have their private lives scrutinged. Juny verting was reprehensible because it was carried out in secrecy. Excessive secrecy in relation to the system of justice was not desirable because it increased suspicion that all was not well with the system of justice.

whose names were on that panel. Jury vetting was bound to assist the prosecution more than it assisted the defence. Even if the defence could have the same access

to the names the defence did not have the resources or facilities which the prosecution had.

The Bill was read a first time.



Overseas student fees in UK still a good investment

Many foreign students attending British universities were from namities with an average income well ahead of that here and in many cases if was possible Britain was training only the cline from those countries, Mr Rhodes Boyson, Under Secretary for Education, and Science, said.

Mr Boyson had told Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C) that in Great Britain overseas student numbers increased both in 1976-77 and 1977-78.

He added—In 1976-77 the fee increases was 30 per cent and the increase in student numbers nearly 11, per cent. In 1977-78 fee increases ranged from 40 per cent to 100 per cent while student numbers increased by nearly four per cent.

cent.

Mr van Stranbenzee-Those Egures show how unwise it is for those, including me, with a continuing commitment to overseas students coming to our places of higher education, to make a certain forecast that numbers will full dramatically.

Nevertheless, will be consult with other ministers to see if we can evolve a different system which can differentiate, conntry by country, in a much more sophisticated way than we have now!

Mr Boyson [Brent, North, C]—We will certainly consult other ministers and others interested in

foreign students coming here. We have already developed a scheme for bursuries for the most able research students to come here, paying no more than students in-

paying no more than students inside this country.

We are considering what modifications can be made to encourage
REC students to continue coming
here. Students from underdeveloped countries will continue to be
helped.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Chief Opposition
spokesman on education (Bedwellty, Lab)—Previous figures are
not meaningful since no previous
Government has ever proposed full
costs for overseas students.

The educational institutions and
their representative bodies, from

the coucaronal institutions are their representative bodies, from the Committee of Vice Chancellors to every other sphere, are unanimous in feeling that this kind of moss in reeing mar his kind of rise jeopardizes the very existence of important courses, is a major breach of faith with the Third World and poor students and has the most immense economic and cultural implications for our relationship marks of the remarked. chiliral implications for our rela-tions with much of the remainder of the world.

Mr Boyson—It is well to remember where the students are coming from. Over one quarter are from committee with a bigger per capita income than that in Britain and in

many other cases they come from families whose average income is well shead of that here:

In many cases it is possible that all we are doing is training the elite from those countries and not those from the poorest areas. The Labout Government which first Labout Government which first word was that of the two out of the countries from which we all we are doing is training the elite from those countries and not those from the poorest areas. The Labour Government which first brought in differential fees in 1967-68 increased them five times.
They only funded universities
and polytechnics and colleges of
higher education to take in 72,000 students last year. But a rotal of 87,000 students were taken in sta 15,000 were not paid for by the Government.

Government.
Year by year by means of the quota method Labour tried to cut their numbers. We have ried to get them down to a figure no lower than the previous Labour Government intended.
Mr Royson added later that the Governiand indicated and a 5 to 5 per figures indicated only a 5 to 8 per cent decline in overseas students. The British first degree course was

one of the most intensive and most efficient in the world.

To come here for three years even at those fees (he said) is an economic investment. We will not increase beyond inflation rate the fees of those already here.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab)— Could be expand on his remarks the other day when he gave the revolution in Iran as the principal reason why the Government was following this particular policy? one of the most intensive and most

end was that of the two out of three countries from which we have taken most foreign students in the past 10 years, that is frain and Nigeria, in neither case would it appear that great political will had been built up, as the whole House would agree.

The argument about the investment in political will was not the best that could be made.

Mr Sydney Chapman (Barnet, Chipping Barnet, C)—Would he look sympathetically at the plight of some Iranian students whose ability to continue with courses. ability to continue with courses here is threatened by their inabi-lity to draw funds from Iran due to the recent political upheaval? Would he look at the possibility of a remporary bridging loan or some other financial help? other manufacture are problems for Iranian students. We are prepared to look at them and discuss them with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the univer-

sity vice-chancellors.
Mr Tam Dalvell (West Lothian,
Lab) asked if it was being said that principal reason why the Government was following this particular policy?

Lap) asked if it was being said that the Vice-Character in Vice

dents, irrespective of their discipline, will be over next Sep-tember, it is early to talk about a critical effect on universities.

Between 1971 and 1977 there was a fall of British undergraduates in technology and engineering while there was a trobling of foreign students coming in. We now have

more foreign students doing post graduate technology and engineer-ing than British students. We should be particularly con-cerned about the take-up of techcerned about the take-up of technical and engineering courses by
British students.

Mr. William van Straubenzee
(Wokingham, C)—Many ViceChancellors do display a sense of
being scarced of the students over
whom they preside. This is bound
to lead them to be over-authusiastic
in joining the campaigns of their
students, so seeking to demonstrate

in joining the campaigns of their students, so seeking to demonstrate they are more catholic than the Pope. (Langhter.)

Mr Rhodes Boyson—It is difficult to add to that splendid observation. I entirely agree—that the dog is barking often before it has seen the bone, or even before the bone has been taken away.

We might as well wait and see what the situation is next year. Whether there has been collusion or any threat of minor disorders in universities, the Vice-Chancellors have been effected in their speeches.



What food is my pension wowerdays?

When you've paid into a pension to make yourself self-sufficient in retirement, it is heart-breaking to have

to ask for help. But what else can this gentleman do? He couldn't have foreseen that the pound in his pocket would go on being

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Miss Wade strikes a discordant note amid the Brighton calm

Tennis Correspondent The Brighton Centre yesterday assumed a dignified calm. Even with Virginia Wade and Virginia with Virginia Wade and Virginia Ruzici blasting away on adjacent courts the rural impact of tennis was relatively soporific after the assault of such recent guests as the Stranglers, the Blue Oyster Cult, the Who and even Gladys Knight and the Pips. The sound of sport could not challenge that lot. Miss Wade was Wimbledon champion in 1977 and Miss Ruzici was French champion in 1978. The carly customers at the Daihatsu Challenge tournament were lucky Challenge tournament were lucky to see such players served, so to speak, as appetizers. Miss Wade won 6—2. 6—2 against Lea Antonoplis, who looked strong enough to reduce her to pulp had they been slugging it out in a fist fight. Miss Antonoplis also has some inventive Ideas. She played the saxophone at high school and there were times yesterday when she pursued interesting melodic lines in terms of tactical variations. But she was not deficenough to get away with them. Nor could she punch her weight. Miss Wade spent almost as long at a press conference. The nub of this was that she supported the suggestion made by David Lloyd last weekend, that Britain's leading players should consider withdrawing from international team competition as a means of accelerating the Lawn Tendis Association's plans to establish a reviewed.

competition as a means of accelerating the Lawn Tennis Association's plans to establish a national tennis centre.

Thanks to a campaign by Paul Hutchins, Britain's national team Hutchins, Britain's national team manager (and the example of the United States and France) this has become a controversial issue in the past 18 months. It has thrust into the stadows the wider more basic need for all-weather facilities, particularly indoors, where youngsters keen on tenuis can play throughout the year throughout the country.



Miss Wade: backing David Lloyd's call for a strike in pursuit of a national centre:

Miss Wade has to be respected when she says that she would support a strike if convinced that it might do some good. Like Lloyd the is a patriot who has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to sweat blood for her country. The threat must be taken seriously because such a strike could easily be organized. Essentially Britain's international thances depend on two men and two women. Without them Britain's challenges for the Davis Cup, Nations Cup, Federation Cup and Wightman Cup would be no more than a formality.

Four years ago Miss Rusici had a cartilage operation on her right

Four years ago Miss Rusici had a cartilage operation on her right knee. It still bothers her but she is reluctant to risk another, more hazardous operation. So she is wearing a supporting bandage and carrying on hopefully. The mobility of the slim and supple Romanian does not seem to be inhibited and her forehand and service are among the most formidable in women's tennis. She

had a 5-3, 6-4 win over the straight-backed pigtailed Telena Anliot, a pretty Swede who seems to have the knack of looking Nor have advancing years dulled Billie Jean King's zest for adventure. She will be 36 tomorrow. But yesterday while beating Pam Teeguarden v-3, 6-2, she sometimes found it necessary to chide tated by the heart rather than the head. There are players half her age who are not half as bold in their thinking: which is one of the reasons why, last July, she became the holder of a record

Lillee looms large on the horizon

Adelaide, NN 20 The unification of the two fac-

Adelaide, NN 20

The unification of the two factions in Australian cricket here seems to be working smoothly. In some of the other states there have been manifestations of resemment. As for the World Series players who have been recalled to the Australian Test side, McCocker's reaction best sums up their feelings: "I feel as though I've been reborn", he said.

McCocker has a useful record against England and a poor one against West Indies. A year ago I would have biven nothing for his chances of playing in another Test match. I doubt whether he would either. Hogg, from the other side of the fence, impressed Ian Chappell in the one game they have played together this season." I didn't know he was as good a bowler as this," said Chappell, fielding to him at silp in a recent one-day match here.

As an Englishman, what alarms me more than Chappell's revised opinion of Rodney Hogg is the stop press I have had on Denmis Lillee. "He has lost a yard or two in pace perhaps," John In-

Bancalore.

formerly Lilee's captain in Western Australia, says, "but he's still a hell of a bowler".

Lillee may be one of those rare birds, a fast bowler with the virtuosity to keep him going. Thomson, Lilee's natural parmer, is one of several cricketers, English, West Indian and Australian, with some sort of injury. In Thomson's case it is a strained ankle. Vivian Richards is limping about with a pinched nerve in the groin.

Kallichartan is still in pain from two ribs broken in a motor accident in Loudon six weeks ago and the trouble with Hendrick's shoulder may keep him out of and the trouble with Rendrick's shoulder may keep him out of Englaud's next match, against the Australian Universities starting here on Thursday. If Thomson should have to miss the first of the one-day games between Australia and West Indies in Sydney next Tuesday, there is no shortage of strong alternatives, such as Pascoe, Lawson, Malone and Walker.

Although it is some weeks since the Australian season started, and over a fortnight since the Englishmen and the West Indies arrived in Australia, the public seem to

Sadiq lost out of Pakistan

team for first Test

Nov

youngest of the famous Moham-

med clan, Sadiq, a left-handed

opening batsman, who had one of

with Gloucestershire last summer.

fails to find a place in the fails to find a place in the Pakistan side for the first Test against India starting here to-morrow. The six-match rubber is the first between the two countries on Indian soil for 19

years, although last year they played a three-match series in Pakistan, the home team winning

Pakistan, the nume tram when 2-0.

Both sides will include one new Test player. Pakistan have called up Ehteshamuddin, a stocky, medium-pace bowter making his first tour with a full Pakistan side, although he won two colts caps on visits to Sri Lanka. In the absence of Sarfraz Nawaz, who made himself unavailable for the current tour. Ehteshamuddin will share the new ball with Imran Khan. Mudassar

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Nazar, an opening batsman, will play the role of third seam

bowler.

The new player in the Indian side could be Roger Binny, a sturdy, 25-year-old fast bowler, or Sandip Patil, a hard-hitting bats-

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be biding their time before com-ing to the grounds. The cricket to have attracted the most attention so far has been the McDonald Cup (originally the Gillette Cup), the semi-final round of which is being played under lights tomor-row night, in Sydney and Mel-

When the Wst Indians played South Australia here last weekend only a smattering went. In Perth, on the other hand, the McDonald Cup match between Western Australia and Victoria, in which McEwan, of Essex, made 59 for Western Australia after Laird and Marsh had both made nought, was watched by over 12,000 people.

No one can be quite sure at the moment whether the one-day game is taking over at the expense of the three, four and five-day game. What I think we shall find is that the night marches in Sydney will eb pretty well sold out and that if Australia start the Test marches well the crowde the Test matches well the crowds will flock to watch them. The market, even so, is dangerously near to the point of saturation, all for the benefit of television.

Two pieces of good news

20.—The man from Bombay who is also a man from Bombay wab is also a beam bowler but bowls consider-ably slower than Binny. Binny's superior fielding, and the fact that the march is to be played on his home ground, may played on his home ground, may gain him preference over Paril. There will be no other changes to the Indian side which beat Australia in the final Test at Bombay a fortnight ago. The strength of the teams lies in their batting but Pakistan are more formidable because they can store more

> year were scored chasing runs against the clock in the final innings.
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> There is a danger of bad weather There is a danger of had weather delaying the start. Although the pluth has been kept dry, sections of the outfield have been left soggy by frequent downpours during the past three days. Two of the four previous Test matches played here have been disrupted by the weather including the second Test against Australia in September.
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because they can score more quickly. Both Pakistani wins last

for W Indies

Melbourne, Nov 20.-The West indies fly to Devonport, Tasmania.

out pain. Kallicharran is recover-ing from bruised ribs which he ing from brused rios which he received in a car crash several months ago; and Richards is suffering from a plached nerve in a hip joint.

Lloyd believes his team could Lloyd believes his team could be top heavy with fast bowlers for the three Tests against Australia. He made his assessment after the West Indians had beaten South Australia by nine wickers the three-day match at the Adelaide Oval. "The wicket was slow here, and they're gening slower all around Australia. It's going to weigh against us in Test matches later in the season."

The main concern in the West Indies side is their lack of a front line spin bowler to balance their attack.

tomorrow for a three-day match against an Invitation XI with the against an invitation XI with the knowledge that their injury worries are receding. The team practised here tonight for the second time in two days and their captain, Clive Lloyd, said later that he was pleased with the way things had gone.

Lloyd said that both Richards and Kallicharran had batted with-

Hoddle included in new look England

A little self satisfaction all ound will be forgiven if after, or even before, they play Bulgaria at Wembley tonight (7.45), England can claim a piace in next summer's final part of the European championship in Italy. There will be time later to sound notes of candon about the real quality of the team that Ron Greenwood has lifted high out of the troubles of two years 200.

has lifted high out of the troubles of two years 220.

For today the moment is there to be savoured. Given that they obtain the point that they may still require—Northern Ireland could relieve them of that formality by beating or drawing with the Republic of Ireland in Belfast in the afternoom (2.30)—England will end a decade of failure to reach the final stages of an important international competition.

For the first time since last June in Sweden, Mr Greenwood has decided to make several changes. It is Clemence's sum to be in goal. There will be two new changes. It is Clemente's sum to be in goul. There will be two new full backs, Anderson and Sangom, who take over from Neal and Mills. In midfield Hoddle, of Tottenham Hotspur, is given his first cap and Kennedy replaces Brooking, whose ankle injury was still causing some concern yesterday.

one change because Hoddle is the complete newcomer, the team will have a different look because they will play without an orthodox winger for the first time since the defeat of Luxembourg two years ago. However, with such adventurous full backs as Sassom and Anderson, it could be argued that having a winger would have been a luxury, especially against the Bulgarians who have struggled in the qualifying group and have in the qualifying group and have in the qualifying group and have is to use the match as the beginning of a rebuilding programme with the next World Cup in mind.

After the easy 51 defeat of Northern Ireland last month it was expected that Mr Greenwood

explained: Four changes—or five if you include the goal-keeper—are as far as I would like to go. But Sansom and Anderson have played before. The match against Sweden, when we made nine changes, taught me a lesson but the basis of this team is much the same. Kennedy is similar to Brooking and Hoddle similar to McDermott?"

Pressed about the absence of Coppell on the wing, Mr Green-wood said: "He is one of those names you pencil in first but we have to legislate for the fact, that he may not always be fit."

Whether Coppell and the other established names absent in the team are substitutes will not be known until shortly before the kick-off.

If there is some doubt about

England's ability to play at the pace that the outstanding inter-national teams are currently em-

ploying, there is a pleasing move-ment suwards accomplished young ball players. Hoddle is unsually-talented but has sometimes been ban players. Hoose as instanty talented but has sometimes been accosed of failing to involve bimself over the full duration of the game. Yesterday, after expressing supprise to be chosen as a full member of the team rather than a substitute, he said: "I knew I was not strong enough. I had to have rests but now I feel stronger. I have put on a stone and a half in one and a half years. The creative side of my game has always come namrably but now I'm happy about my defensive play."

Defence should not be an important part of England's tactics tonight for although the Bulgarians bear Denmark, 3-0 last month, they lost 3-0 to England in Sofia in June, and they have chosen a young team. None of their side has played at Wembley but Boney, Illey, Dneliaskov and Tsvetloov appeared egainst England in the strong strong the same strong appeared egainst England.

The Welsh motto tomorrow

The Welsh motto tomorrow might be if you cannot heat them, at least copy them. When Wales's European championship hopes collapsed in Cologne last mouth the manager, blike Smith, through tear-stained eyes, was reminded of a quality in the West Germans he knew Wales must follow in their final group seven match here against Turkey. That is putence.

Nothing pareticularly patient

against Turkey. That is patience.

Nothing particularly patient about whipping in four goals before halftime, you might say. But it was this calculated approach that he felt Wales lacked. In the character of the captain, Terry Yorath, back to collect the fiftieth cap which eluded him in Cologne, he has a man who will "control the team, keep our patience and keep our shape".

Mr Smith, obviously one of the game's great learners, has also

game's great learners, has also taken a leaf out of the Greenwood manual. Notwithstanding the changes forced on him by injury he brings in only one bright new face, that of Gordon Davies, the Pulham forward, who has made



was not considered by Mr Gre wood. He could have taken adv

have nothing more than a distant mathematical chance of over-hading England on goal difference

Patience becomes the Welsh watchword

his mark this season with a couple of trebles among his 13 goals.

Davies was a late replacement for James and, at 24, quite a late starter in League football. Having been turned down by Manchester City as a 15-year-old he wene into the teaching profession while poting the odd one for Merthyr Tydfil—like 36 in one season.

Berry, the Wolverhampton Wanderest centre-baif, who waste on as substitute to face the German outlaught, keeps his place. Mr Smith has ignored the tamputation to play Frice, the Cap.

place. Mr Smith has ignored the temperation to play Frice, the captain of high-riding Luton Town. He is one for the future and that fact widl not be lost on Phillips, possibly toming to the end of a fine international career.

An interesting theore is Walsh of Crystal Palace, another who is steadily making his name. His mentur, Terry Venubles, feels he has a natural nose for goal and it was certainly twitching nicely when he came on as substitute against Manchester United on Saturday. United's feverish little midfielder, Thomas, has been given the job of fiattening the grass (what there is of it) on the left wing.

New cap Hoddle happy about defensive play.

wood, he could have taken aware tage of the situation by fielding a more experimental team but he said: "If we are going to get 80,000 people at Wembley we will have an obligation to them. They would not want to come to watch, an experimental side." Whether or not England know

their fate before locking-off today tould depend on a fitness test field player, Brady, will undergo before the first meeting of the

team, along with three other Arsenal men. There are two changes from the team who best Bulgaris 3—0 with O'Leary and Millians, of Shannock Rovers, dropping out to be replaced by Dely and the young Arsenal full back bevine. O'Leary would be brought into the defence stong-side his brother David it Brady fulled to pass its filters test. Marin would nove for of defence into individual.

Group One

Further investigation revealed to me that any investigation revealed to me that any investigation will, in fact, involve Le Vehicles, the truck and but of the BL group. A spokesmathis division told me last that talks have certainly independent of the strict of sums.

Wales face an numerying 50 minutes toescorrow in the Ataturk Stidinm, a happy haming ground for Turkey with only one defeat in eight matches. Non-stop whistling from 70,000 Turks conducted by cheesfeaders, is obviously going to present its problems for Mr Constant Gaita, the Romanian referee. Mr Smith promises us that Weles will never have experienced enything like it. The Turks have one new cap, Aris, a 19-year-old, and have made six changes to the side who defended so stoutly in Weethern a year ago before toeing 1-0. in most of the countries d involved in staging grand races the validity of this pu

Motor racing

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By John Blunsden

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No Grand Prix in Sweden

Stockholm, Nov 20.-There be no Grand Prix in Formula to lack of sponsors, it has town of Malmo, Pro/Sport, to save the race by arrang at Mantory Park instead Anderstory, falled and Pro amounced that they have up hope that the race will be at Mantory.

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Scotland to count on Jordan

Brussels, Nov 20.—Belgium and Scotland meet in group two of the European Championship here tomocrow night, both needing a win to keep alive their hopes of qualifying for the finals.

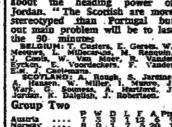
Austria and Portugal, who meet in Lisbou tomocrow, lead the group with nine points, although the Portuguese have a game in hand. Belgium, the only unbeaten nam in the group, have eight points with a game in hand over Austria.

points with a game in hend over Anstria.

After four consecutive draws in their group matches, Belgium have won their last two games.

The recall last month of the veteran midfield player, Wilfried Van Moer, brought more steadiness and experience into the young Belgian team. Van Moer, who scored the first goal against Portugal, was absent from the Belgian team for four years after breaking his leg and will probably play for only part of the game. Mr Thys said be expected its side to win but had warned them about the heading power of Jordan. "The Scottish are more stereotyped than Portugal but out main problem will be to last the 90 minutes.

BELGIUM: T. Custers, E. Geres, W. Meedwei, L. Millocarses, M. Rannum.



Six of the magnificent seven turn out against Hungary, including the five gold medal men-flyweight, Ray Galbody; lightweight, Fony Willis; weiter, Joey Frost; lightmiddleweight, Cameron Lithgow and lightheavyweight Vince Smith. In addition, England Lave Peter Hanlon, a rugged

Six of magnificent seven

turn out against Hungary

England go into the Amateur borning international against Humgary, at Coventry, tonight, on the crest of a wave. Three weeks ago, a seven-man England side came back from the multi-nations tournament at Tampere, Finland, with a record haul of five gold and two broaze medals.

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Boxing

Rochdale appoint Stokoe

division club, Rochdele, less than 24 hours after Doug Collins was

am saggered. We have the makings of a good side, and I thought things were just coming right. I don't know what I'll do now. Losing a job is one thing,

as the new manager of the fourth success snatched away from me division club, Rochdale, less than is another. This will be Mr. Stoke's second spell at Rochdale where he was the msnager is the mid-60s and took the club into the third division.

Rochdale's chairman. Andrew

Hindle, said: "We were in danger of finding ourselves in a similar position as last year. Doug Collins was given a free hand in the running of the playing side,

Rugby League

Northern find

their request

By Keith Macklin

is turned down

Despite someomissions and pro-testations by Bradford Northern

Station Road ground, Swinton. The final is between rivals of the past few season, Northern and Widnes,

and the Yorkshire club asked for the final to be played at the Huddersfield ground, Fartown.

Northern officials declared that

the past three finals have been played on Lancashire grounds, but the Rugby League committee countered this argument by point-

Bradfurd City have reported a loss in the first balance sixets they have issued for three years, 253,366 in season 1976-77, F41,290 in 1977-78 and £51,594 last season.

Bradford City's loss

Group seven

Bell for Lincoln expected to sign for Lincoln City today for a fee of £30000. Bell, who is also wanted by Newport County, scored 18 goals in 32

Olympic Games Policy of prudence called

for by IOC president From Alan McGregor Gevena, Nov 20

oneofthe competing clubs, the John Player Trophy final on December 1 will beplayed at the

countered this argument by pointing out that the past two finals had been between two meighbouring clubs, Warrington and Widnes, for whom St Belens was the logical choice of venne. In the case of the Castleford against Blackpool Borrough final, a Lancashire ground was the ideal midway site.

A further factor in favour of Suliston was the element of "playoff" in this year's final. Last season the two teams met in the Challenge Cup semi-final at Swinton, and Widnes won. The previous season the sides met at Spation Road in the Premiership Hnal, and on that occasion Bradford Northern won. So it seemed natural that the decider shruid also be staged at Swinton. won. So it seemed natural that the decider strudd also be staged at Swinton.

When Bradford Northern and Widnes last met in the John Player final in 1975, Northern won a flercely contested game by three points to two. Such is the trivility between the trains that officials believe the previous record attendance for the event of 10.700 will be comfortably besten. Both clubs have large away followings and supporters. Only Hull compete with Bradford Northern and Widnes in terms of numbers travelling into the side.

A serious problem for Northern is that four of their forwards will appear before a disciplinary continuous on Thursday of next week, Iwo days before the final. Suspensions for any or all of Thompson, Casty, Van Bellen and Nothe would considerably handicap Bradford's effort, which is based on a powerful pack of forward before the committee, Rogan.

Today's fixtures

Geveca, Nov 20

Lord Killanin, president of the Imprantional Olympic Committee, today called on governing authorities of sports, such as rugby, outside the province of the IOC to act with immost prindence when involved in political issues.

Deploring the French government's with the first of the South African rugby players, he said that if authorities did not face up to their reponsibilities governments will impresent do governing bodies in nor specifically the London discussions billities governments will impresent the proposed E Lions tour. Mr Jeeps, a formal weekend on the British Lions' projected South African tour in the Russians were sticking very strictly to the rules. It was not for the IOC to get involved with such things as Solt: Two or the Telsinki agreement. AR IOC committees would be admitted.

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Billiards

Mifsud moves nearer to the last four Columbo, Nov 20 .- Paul M

(Malm) moved a step near semi-final place in the amateur championship whe beat Clive Everton (Wales 1,111 points to 871 points last night. Mifsud has wor matches out of six and has one game left in the round group stage. Sublizs Agrawal (India) collected his fifth win it matches when he best W. W. singhe (Sri Lanks) by points to 1,250. Another Lanksu, Mohammed Laffr, h.

Two wins in one-day competitions produce a wave of county patriotism, even in Ayon

Successful Somerset pay call at Little Muddlecombe

Somerset cricketers are celebrating their first success, their double success of last season, by having an almighty row. I cannot tell you what it is all about, and have not seriously sought to find out, because I doubt if it would interest you. Roy Kerslake, the chairman, and Roy Stevens, the secretary, resigned. The opposition to Mr Kerslake seems to have been because he was " too close to the players", which one would not have thought a bad quality in a chairman. Perhaps it means that he consided in the players more than the committee. A large meeting of Somerset members was recently held ar Taunton, demanding his return.
Mr Stevens, having resigned from his post, has applied for it again. He is one of seven on the short list. This all has a comic-opera aspect, as Somerset cricket so often has. Of course they have had rows before, as every county has, but those were because Somerser were at the bottom of the champion-ship Now that they are a formidable side, and have won both the Gillette up and (almost by accident) the John

Player League, you would have expec-ted all to be calm and bright. Not that everything was right about Somerset cricket, even last season. The Somerset crowds, at least on Sundays, did not behave well. They are-well some of them are, a "small minority" as the emollient phrase goes-becoming gradually more like soccer hooligans. Somerset crowds are not the only ones to behave like this and I suppose, considering their long frustrations, they have more excuse. Remember that in 1978, on the last Friday of the season they were favourites to win both the competitions they did win in 1979, and that on Sunday evening their hopes were withered and strewn. Remember also that they had never won anything until 1979.

But the worst exhibitions of crowd behaviour I have seen on Sundays in the past few years have been at Taun-ton and Worcester (neither possesses ton and Worcester (neither possesses a league soccer side). The Sunday louts come to the cricket for the all-day licence. The pubs close just as the cricket starts. None of the lads want to stop drinking at that stage, but the tricket still offers them scope.

After about 12 extra ones, they begin

to hit each other about and then any-one who comes within range. Faithful readers will remember that I collected s black eye myself at Taunton in 1978. The simple solution is not to open the bars until, say, five o'clock on a Sunday afternoon. This would still give we drinkers an advantage over the general public who have to wait until seven, but it would give us time to cool down. (It is true that the Australian habit of taking in the drink might become popular, in which case further action ould have to be considered).

One thing Somerset's success did (this is the obverse of the coin) was to produce a wave of county patriotism. There has been a good deal of pressure lately, notably in the columns of the Spectator, for a restoration of the old county boundaries. I deployed the changes, but reversing them would simply cause another bout of muddle end expense. The vast new buildings, like Avon House, would still be there and so would be the unsackable bureauIt does not seem to me to matter much, here in High Littleton (by a couple of miles within Avon, rather than Somerset) under what name we are administered. What counts is how we think of ourselves. The rejoicings about Somerset's cricket victories were as heartfelt in those parts of Somerset which are technically in Avon as in the rest. When the London County Council was established in 1888, Middlesex County Cricket Club simply decided that for cricketing purposes the boundaries of Middlesex should continue to be as they were before.

be as they were before.

Sir Neville Cardus used to tell a story of a Yorkshireman who had travelled to Lord's for the Middlesex match. Middlesex won, an unusual result at that time. "Ee", said the Yorkshireman afterwards, "fancy that. Fancy Yorkshire gestian beat by Middlesex". He paused, and added perplexedly: "And wheer is Middlesex any road? Is it in Lunnon?" But, as Cardus says, that is the point: Middlesex is in London. So is High Littleton (and Eath, if it comes to that) in Somerset. if it comes to that) in Somerset.

Because the two outstanding perform-nices in the Gillette Cup final came from West Indians, there has been a tendency to think of it as something less than a triumph for the applecheeked sons of the West Country soil. But, for one thing, Somerset have a long tradition of overseas players, going back to Sam Woods, who became a Somerset institution, and died here. For another thing, the present side contains a higher proportion of players either locally born or with strong local associations than nearly every other county, except Yorkshire, and more than many Somerset sides of the past.

I took an example at random, and looked up Wisden for 1954. The only regular member of the side born in Somerset was Angell, from Norton St Philip, and the only other who had had much to do with the county, apart from cricker, was Tremlett. That year they came bottom. Millfield School, first under R. J. G.

team. The Hungarians, with their cor-

Meyer and then C. R. M. Atkinson, both-Somerset players, has had much to do with Somerset's home-made improvement. If Richards and Garner took the eye in the Gillette final, there had been important contributions during the competition from Burgess of Glastonbury and Denning of Shewton Mendip. I rang up Colin Atkinson, the Somer-

set president, to see if there was some hidden mystery behind the present arguments. He assured me that there was not, and I believe him: it was all just a bit of a muddle. To that I would add that coming too is as liable to throw supporters off balance as coming bottom. Atkinson's services to Somerset, both as a player and an official, have been great. His conduct after Rose's foolish declaration against Worcestershire last season, in the debate at Lord's, was entirely admir-

What Somerser need now is a cham-pionship, the real championship, not a limited-over one. It may well come in the next few years. Anyway, we are feeling decidedly uppetry down here in High Littleton, and it does not worry us in the least if it pleases some people to tell us we are living in Avon.

Alan Gibson

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the burst : the All Blacks stand-off Dunn (right) eludes the South and South-West

Intidy All Blacks fail to inspire

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aking account of their strong taive overall, and of the many same positions they establed, the All Blacks must have a disappointed to be limited two tries when facing a lower-sm in the second half. This lidy performance, with its frent failures to apply the finishtouch after a promising id-up, was scarcely calculated raise morale after that crunch-defeat by the North.

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jumping and clean two-handed catching of Ackford, the young Cambridge forward, produced increasingly good returns and, with Pomphrey edjoying a storming all-round game, the performance of the two locks must have given their selectors as much assisfaction as anything class. The regional pack, though two often swang on their own put-in, conducted ruck and matul with spirk and their miented backs were not starved of opportunity. But Horton, at stand-off, though he did some good things, had one of those days when his police and ludgment seem suspect.

The long miss pass was overwast not accurate emough and that stundy warrior, Beess, now looks rather short of pace in the centre. Behind them, the young Thompson sometimes revested his hexperience after a promising first half. Swift made the most of his one fleeting chance in attack.

Much of an unmamorable first half seemed in retrospect to have been taken up by Hewson ideking at goal, and missing the target. However, he found it twice, after ruck offences, to give the All Blacks a lead of 6—0 at the interval. By then, the one moment when claver side had threatened to create a try occurred when Cunningham, in the All Blacks cause, scissored with Dunn behind two linear try, is minutes into the second-neared overde somethies.

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Settlement of ITV dispute

By Peter West
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route in the Daiby Forest in Yoriothire.

By last night the original field
of 175 cars had been reduced to
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forced to retire early on Monday
when his Saab Turbo developed
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Thorne lets his early advantage slip

William Thorne and Patrick Houlihan both held a one-frame lead at the end of their early session in the Coral UK professional snooker championship second round matches at Preston vesterday.

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Venture to Cognac ready to take clear, despite first step on ladder to stardom

By Peter Waymark

Hancu Mikkola increased his
chances of winning the Lombard
RAC Rally for the second year
in succession by maintaining his
five-minute overnight lead as the
cars entered Wales yesterday on
the final leg of the four-day,
1,700 mile event. The winner
will be detiared at Chester this
oldernoon.

By Michael Phillips
Racing Correspondent
Venture to Cognac, that infrathely promising six-year-old
trained at Lambourn by Fred
Winter, is by far the most interesting runner at Kempton Park
this afternorm. Acclaimed by one
men of Timeform as the best
moster hardle of last season in
their unsurpassable annual review,
Chasers and Hurdiers (Portway
Press), Venture to Cognac will
start a new phase of his career
when he runs in the Flyover
Novices Strephenase, a race that
his stable won 12 months ago with
Ramblir.
This will be Venture to Cognac's
first race over fences and if all

this promising young horse, who will be ridden again this season will be ridden again this season by his owner's son Oliver Sheewood, as he was last season when he won the San Alliance Novices Burdle among other good prizes. Venure to Cognat's jumping on the downs where he has been schooled both last spring and this aumann has been good without being flambovant. That aurans well. What also promises well is his health and physique. In the words of his trainer he looks take the borse he was 12 months ago. Sometimes a good horse frightens potential opposition away but fortunately that has not been the case on this occasion, so we should see whether he is destined to take high rank in a season which has already thoun up a number of budding steeplechasers, notably Western Rose, Drissis, Kybo and Shullaris.

Today Venture to Cognat's opposition includes already—and Taikun, who was described to me yesterday as being potentially better from these already—and Taikun, who was described to me yesterday as being potentially better than Doddington Park by his trainer, Nick Gaselee, Doddington Park recently wen his first two steeplachases. Together Royal Judgment and Taikun ought to

Fred Winter: hopes of a Kempton double to follow his treble at Devon yesterday.

ensure that Venture to Cognac has to work for his living without actually managine to beat him. If Venture to Cognac does live up to expectations Winter could bring off a double by winning the November Handicap Hurdle as well with knockakeo. He invaribly does well with horses that come from Ireland, especially those that pass through the capable hands of his former jockey, Eddie Harty. In the last week Shullaris and Longhnavalley are two just such horses to have won and knockakeo could be another. This six-year-old by Laurence O is out of a half sister to that top-class sheeplechaser. The Dikler, and he should be just the typt to improve on his first season, which was quiet but promising never-thelest.

Saturday's programme at New-

to show their hands at the four-day declaration stage. 18 stood their ground for the Hennessy Gold Cun. My immediate impression was that this will be an open if not vinuae race. As expected Border Incihent waits for next Wednesday's Edward Hanner Memorial Steeplechase at Haydock Park. Cavity Hunter, the former favourite is another absentee. He was withdrawn following that heept performance at Axot last Friday. That leaves Straight Jocelyn heading the market at 6-1 with the Tote. With Hills he shares favouridsm with Fighting Fit at 1-1.

A decision about Gaffer's par-A decision about Geffer's par-dicipation is expected to be made by Fulke Walwyn some time today. Sadly, however, Pollards-town wil niet be abe to run in Saurday's Berkshire Hurdle be-cause his blood count was found to be abnormal yesterday.

Winter raid takes Devon by storm

Fred Winter and David Barons monopolized the programme at Devon and Exeter yesterday, wintween them. Winter was successful with all three of his runners— French Garcon, Stoic Yarn and Hectare, all ridden by different jockeys, to take his score to 22. Barons saddled a double with Justino and Nescio, both ridden by Paul Leach, to take his score to 10, equalling his total for the whole of last season.

Note of last season.

Stole Yarn, running unde rules for the first time, started 9-4 favourite for the Amateur Riders' Novices Hurdle, and won by eight lengths from Bishopswood. Stole Yarn is owned and bred by his son Oliver, the partnership connected with Venture to Cognac.

Father Delancy, who fell at the first fence at Wetherby earlier this month, too kthe featured Bass Special Handicap Steeplechase by six lengths from Don't Forget at Ayr yesterday. Cancello, the 5-3 favourite, had an ugly looking fall at the second fence but this rider. Colin Hawkins, was able to report that the 10-year-old was none the worse as he returned to the weighing room.

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John O'Neill, who rode Father Delaney, completed a dottole and brought his score for the season to 37 when he took the Montgomerie Handicap Burdle on Silver Shadow. "Geordie" Dun, the champion amateur rider, brought his score to 10 this season when Oakley Cross, the 2-1 favourite, best Crown Court by threequarters of a length in the Dundonald Amateur Riders Handicap Steeplechase.

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morrow: Taunion, good; Towcester,

Kempton Park programme



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2.45 NOVEMBER HURDLE (Handicap: 5686:3m)

3.15 SPRIG HURDLE (3-y-o: £1.056: 2m)

GIDson 21-4 North Yard, 7-2 Bird's Custard, 9-2 Pingt Malone, 6-1 Locksky, 8-1 New Tap, 10-1 Leith Hill Figur, 12-1 The White Owl, 14-1 others.

Kempton Park selections

Leicester results

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Silent Burn. 1.15 Stane Rill. 1.45 Shermoon. 2.15 VENTURE TO COGNAC is specially recommended. 2.45 Knockakeo. 3.15 North

Worcester programme 1.0 HUNTERS' HURDLE (Div 1 : Novices : £660 : 21m) RS' HURDLE (Div I: Novices: 1660: 21n Sicalent Cash (D), Nr W Sykes. -11-15 Abbay Srig, R. Wall (-11-5) Ananadale Lady, A. Lane. -11-5 Evolution of Cash (D), Nr W Sykes. -11-15 Ananadale Lady, A. Lane. -11-5 Evolution of Cash (D), Nr Wall (D), Nr 1.30 OARSMAN CHASE (Handicap: 1998: 2m 2.0 FISHERMAN'S HURDLE (Handicap: £1,026: 3m) 2.30 SPORTSMAN'S CHASE (Handicap: £1,042: 3m) I william to think the state of 3.0 STALKER OPPORTUNITY CHASE (Handicap: £962: 2]m) #-37121 Mr Markbridge, D. Gandolfo, 5-12-0 M. Richards 5 2423-3 Nontradamins, T. Forster, 7-11-7 E. Walta GD-0401 Birsheff, G. Baldong, 7-10-9 P. Studamors 14120 Miltoy (D) D. Jermy, 4-10-5 R. Stunge 6 139249 Muchine, P. Re-22, 10-10-6 M. Charles 4 Mr Markbridge, 5-2 Nontradamus, 7-2 Birshell, 6-1 Miltoy, 8-1 Muchine. 3.30 HUNTERS HURDLE (Div II: Novices: 5641: 21 1 G2-0421 Railez (D), J. Colston. 4-11-10 2 OO Arche Champ. J. Priday c-11-7 3 OO-06 Railez (D), J. Priday c-11-7 3 OO-06 Railez (D), J. Priday c-11-7 3 OO-06 Railez (D), J. Priday c-11-7 3 OO-07 Railez (D), Michigan. 5-11-3 3 Ooppe Railez (D), Michigan. 5-11-3 3 Ooppe Railez (D), Michigan. 5-11-3 3 Mig Horaile, P. Railez, 6-11-3 3 Mig Horaile, R. Harrop, 5-11-3 3 Mig Horaile, R. Harrop, 5-11-3 3 Mig Horaile, R. Harrop, 5-11-3 3 Railez (D), J. Prescok. 4-11-3 3 Chamson d'Or, J. Prescok. 4-11-0 3 Chamson d'Or, J. Prescok. 4-11-0 3 Corpos (Michigan. Michigan. 4-11-0 3 Oof Railez (Michigan. 4-11-0 3 Ooch Railez (D), R. Harrop, 4-11-0 3 Railez (D), R. Harrop, 4-11-0 4 Railez (D), R. Harrop, 4-1 3.30 HUNTERS' HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £641: 21m)

Worcester selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.0 Willow Brook. 1.30 Sea Lane. 2.0 Woodvale. 2.30 Double Negative.
3.0 Mr Marisbridge. 3.30 Katitas.

Pressing problem of insufficic ent horses for the amateurs

British riders making best of a bad job

Pamela Macgregor-Morris ritain's Olympic show jumping or since Manich has been be-illed by efforts to put our se in order' by making not the professionals but also headsthee course course leave. borderline cases come clean take out professional licences, ras laudable, but the continen-, instead of following our mple as was fondly predicted,
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hands.

In a mitted with them in early ng. I a layer General Sir Cecil Blacker, I man of the British Show poing Association, recently anneed an Olympic short list of m amageur riders—Elizabeth ar Graham Fleuher, Rowland nyhough, Mark Fuller, Nick Iton, Robert Smith and John itaker.

I willer, son of a Yorkshire ner, took the Great Yorkshire ner, took the Great Yorkshire why storm in July, when, on unknown mare Chanel Five, swept the board, even winning. Cock o' the North champion pa at Harrogane. Nick Skelton, a mer jumor European champion I pupil of Ted and Elizabeth Park, was the star of the last mpia show at Christmas when, org the Everest Stud's Lastic, beat the British high jump to do for fit 64 in set up in 1927. Olympia by Donale Beard ridshe late Fred Foster's Swank iton cleared 7ft 75-16 in on the fitter of jumpers Furioso, by Precipian in the late Fred Foster's Swank iton cleared 7ft 75-16 in on the fitter of jumpers Furioso, by Precipian in the late Fred Foster's Swank iton cleared 7ft 75-16 in on the fitter of jumpers Furioso, by Precipian in the late Fred Foster's Swank iton cleared 7ft 75-16 in on the fitter of jumpers Furioso, by Precipian in the late Fred Foster's Swank iton cleared 7ft 75-16 in on the fitter of jumpers Furioso, by Precipian in the fitter of the fitter of the fitter of the fitter of the

at the Edgars' farm near Warwick as a youngster from Germany.
"Liz called him 'a listic rant' when he came out of the lorry!" Edgar recalls. "But now she reckons him to be the best she's ever had." He has been brought on slowly and this year he won the Queen Elizabeth II Cup at Wembley.

But there are still not enough

Robert Smith: A beautiful for sensitive hands.

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where on the road to Moscow.

Broome is solidly belied the constructive and positive approach that the professionals are taking to all the problems. "If Britain brings back medals it will do everyone in the aport nothing but good at home afterwards," he remarked.

remarked.

The professionals are now off in pursuit of the World Cup, which on its first ranning last April was won in Gothenburg by Hugo Simon, from Austria, riding the German-bred Gladstone, formerly the mount of the 1974 world champion, the late Hartwig Steen-

The current World Cup competition started on November 1 with a four-day show in Amsterdam and condituted in Dublin from November 15 to 18. Berlin (November 23-27), Bordeaux (December 7-9) and Olympia, London (December 13-17) are the next ports of call. Dortmund opens 1930 (February 27 to March 2) followed by 's-Hertogenbosch (March 6-9), Antwerp (March 14-16), Vienna (March 21-24), Birmingham (April 26) and Gothenburg (April 10-13). The final, though this is yet to be confirmed, will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, from April 23 to 27.

The Bridsh approach to the Olympic dressage Grand Prix has always been something rather in the usture of a gesture of deflance, with only people Fke Mrs V. D. S. Williams and Linte Model, Mrs Lornz Johnstone with El Farruco and Miss Domini Lawrence making a determined attempt to sustain an attack on the enemy camp.

This time, however—in doubt the enemy camp.

This time, however—no doubt encouraged by Jennie Loriston-Clarke's magnificent brome metal, won on Dutch Courage in the world championships at Goodwood last year—a really concerted effort is being made to put British dressage on the map.

Leicester results

1.00 (1.9) BECHNERS HURDLE
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2.00 (5.2.) SECINNERS MURDLE
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1.15 (1.16) DUNDONALD CHASE (Amaleus Riders: Handkap: £1.316; Amateur Rivers: Hanakas: 1.1.20.

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J. K. Oliver at Hawick, 31, 31.

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£102.83. PLACEPOT: £4.20.

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D. Barons, at Kingsbridge, fl. 41.
1.30 (1.32) FarringDon Hurdle
(Handicap: E339; 2m 1f)

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2.30 (2.52) STAYERTON MURDLE (Handucy): LLOUS: Hm I().

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Hardna, Kingsbridge, 'cl. 1'sl. TOTE: Win, 34: places, 13p. 22p. a.0 AMATEUR RIDERS HURDLE INOVICES: \$3.54: 5m 1()
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TOTE DOUBLE: Spanish Gold and Noscio, £6.80. TREALE: Justice. French Carcon and Stoic Varn. £19.30. PLACEPOT: £2.90.

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Services: A case of paying more for less

The painful truth about cuts in local | government spending in the next year is that services will deteriorate while council rents, rates and charges will

It presents a gloomy picture, although the views of Mr Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, differ mar-kedly from those of the despairing local

He acknowledges that services will be affected, but does not accept the need for a reduction in the standard of essential services provided by county and dis-trict councils. "It is a hysterical exag-geration for anyone to suggest that this inevitably spells the end of a civilized standard of services", he told a joint local government conference recently.

Having given local government the tar-gets for reducing expenditure this year and next, Mr Heseltine is determined to leave councils to work out their own priorities. When explaining the implica-tions of the Government's White Paper on Public Expenditure in 1980-81 earlier this month, he consistently refused to give any indication of where the detailed cuts

He asked instead, "Cast your mind back a year, and see if you can discern any difference in the standards of local ser-

The exact size of the cuts is difficult to assess. Local government regards them as 5 per cent, but Mr Heseltine claims this to be a mythical figure because it represents 5 per cent of the last Labour Government's spending plans, not on reality. His version is for local authorities reality. His version is for local authorities to reduce their expenditure in 1980-81 to 2! per cent below the 1978-79 level, or 1 per cent below the level asked of councils in 1979-80. This means that local government spending should amount to £17,850m next year, compared with an expected £18,693m for this year.

The spending cuts will have to come from all the services, with education and the social services (subject of separate articles) bearing the brunt along with housing, and roads and transport. Increased charges will allow certain services to be maintained, but overall, people

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cur staff. Despite continual warnings from successive governments, the numbers in local government fail to come down, and since wages and salaries make up 70 per

since wages and salaries make up 70 per cent of local government's running costs it is a vital area. Each year 125,000 coun-cil employees retire or leave, and the Secretary of State argues that if only three of every four leaving were replaced, the necessary cost savings would be made. Like all ministers, he relishes throwing the argument at the opposition. Mr Shore

managed 25 per cent cuts in 1976 with scarcely a ripple of compulsory redundancy, he points out. Local government's reply is that this is not so easy to achieve, because many of those who leave are key staff. In addition, the consequent unem-ployment will also affect communities looked after by their council. Mr Robin Wendt, chief executive of Cheshire County Council, accepts that savings must come from staff cuts, mostly by natural wastage. But where will their potential replacement go? It would be intolerable to let them lie around doing nothing. They must be found employment in the private

The question remains whether the cuts will be discernible. Most councils have not yet apportioned their savings, waiting for the Government's Rate Support or the Government's Rate Support Grant, announced last Friday, before they can work out the amount of help they will get next year. All, however, are engaged in the painful business of preparing plans for reducing their spendings. Even those councils which declare "There will be no

councies which geclare "There will be no cuts" are going through the exercise. There is no typical or average council, for all have their own particular priorities and difficulties, but a detailed look at one authority gives an idea of the effect of the cuts on any area.

Westminster City Council, with the bighest rateable value among local authorities, caters for rich and poor. The council's spending committees have drawn up a list of savings designed to achieve the reduction in spending required by the Government.

Housing is relatively simple, A 141 per cent increase in council rents would main vices to be maintained, but overall, people will be paying more for less next year.

If an authority refuses to make the required cuts—and the evidence is at present that only a hendful will eventually defy the Government—the cost will be borne by even higher rate increases.

Mr Heseltine offers a straightforward solution to the dilemma, and that is to

increased charges for loan applications by nousing associations.

More noticeable cuts come from the City Engineer's department. One suggestion is to reduce the frequency of painting carriageway lines from four to three times 2 year, and draws the comment that this might lead to more accidents.

Other possible savings come from ending band performances in parks, stopping the planting of flowering bulbs in parks and leaving parks and gardens unattended in the evenings. Here it is pointed out that such a measure would increase the risk of disorder, damage and vandalism.

The council is considering closing some public conveniences, and reducing spend-

ing on refuse collection and liner hins, causing a further decline in the standard of the street cleansing service". Public baths and laundries are under threat of closure, and the library service is likely to suffer by closing some libraries earlier and reducing the number of books ourchased.

Throughout the programmes runs a thread of staff reductions by natural wastage and by leaving vacancies

council to council and area to area, but it is equally clear that the slimming down of staff and reduced spending on par-ticular services will cause a discernible deterioration of services and loss of

menines. Two organizations have made their own assessment of the financial cost of the assessment of the imancial cost of the Government's policies. The Child Poverty Action Group estimates that a family of a married couple with two children, earning £60-£80 a week, will be £10 a week worse off. The National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers has produced a similar result, claiming that a rural couple with two schoolchildren will be £3 n week worse off.

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It is the price to pay for the Government's policies in tackling the economy. Mr Heseltine said bluntly: "The situation is so serious in this country that anybody who indulges in opposition to the restraint of public expenditure is serving purposes which cannot be in the interests of the bulk of the people. If we do not reverse the present situation we shall become the regional problem of Western Europe in our lifetime."

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tives to work and reducing the poverty trap, yet its actions so far will have precisely the oppo-site effect. Pressure on local authority social services departments will increase as families just above the poverty line find it more and more difficult to But the ability of the social

services to cushion the effects on poor families and others will be severely limited by the cuts they are being asked to make. That point will be driven home today when Mr Patrick Jenkin. Secretary of State for Social Services, addresses the annual social services conference in

Mr lenkin has made clear that be hopes that voluntary bodies will step in to provide the services being cut back by local authorities. But they, too. face cuts because they are now largely dependent on central local government support.

Those developments add up to not only an "unpalatable re-trenchment" of the social services, as Mr Jenkin has put it, but they show, too, that polibeing pursued once again with impact on other parts of the social services.

The Government has said that unemployment will rise by about 300,000 next year, for example, but the recent public expenditurs White Paper did not allow for the inevitable increase in unemployment benefits in the social security budget for next year. Nor has the Gov-ernment taken the most obvious step to encourage those thrown out of work to find new jobs by raising the level of child

All political parties believe that child benefit acrs as an incentive to work because it is paid free of tax to workers and jobless alike, with the value deducted from other social security benefits for people out of work. Mr Jenkin is known to have fought hard for an increase in child benefits at least by next April, but without success. It is now unlikely that child

benefits will be raised before November 1980, or 18 months ofter the last increase. In the meantime, benefits for children on social security rose this month, narrowing the gap be-tween support for the children of the employed compared to

those out of work. The reduced value of child benefits will be just one factor that a family of an unemployed man must weigh in the balance when offered a low paid job. Back at work, they are also Back at work, they are also ings as an opportunity to switch likely to lose entitlement to to desirable preventive serv-free school meals, free welfare ices, such as keeping the old

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Those benefits will still be available if the new job is so badly paid that the family qualifies for family income supplement (FiS), but they must know they are entitled to the benefit; and claim it Department of Health and first, before they become en-

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Free welfare milk and prescriptions will still be available

on low income grounds, but the Government has no plans for publicity campaigns to improve take-up, which reaches only 0.8 per cent for welfare milk. The unemployed will also

have to take into account the smaller scheme for help with fuel bills this winter. The new scheme will give more help to the people who qualify, but the categories have been so tightly drawn that many fewer will

Extra help will be available only for families with children under five and pensioners aged 75 and over who are receiving either supplementary benefit or FIS. Last winter, a much larger group of families and pensioners received £12.50, on average, towards their elec-

tricity bills.
Social services departments
are not well placed to meet the extra demand that will inevitably arise from these develop-ments. They have had virtually no growth for the past two years under the public expendi-ture cuts imposed by the last Labour Government and they are being asked to make cuts of per cent next year on top of the 3 per cent cuts across the board imposed this year.

Some Labour controlled councils have refused to implement any cuts on social services this year, as might have been expected. More unexpected is the extent to which Conservarefusing to cut. Oxfordshire has raised a supplementary rate to avoid cutting in the current year, while Leeds and mid-Glamorgan are refusing to cut until next year.

Councils which have obeyed the call for cuts have imposed hasty, easy savings that are widely seen as likely to impede progress towards both greater efficiency and the development

of sarely needed services. Mr. Robert Bessell, director of social services for Warwickshire, and an adviser on rocial policy to the Conservative Party in opposition, believes that the presentation of the cuts deof presenting the required sav-

Mr. Bessell is particularly engered by the policy of the Department of Health and Social Security in blocking developments because of an inability or reluctance to transfer resources between departments. Warwickshire has a number of redundant children's homes, because it has been putting increasing effort into ting increasing effort into keeping children in the community.

These homes have been offered to the local area health authority as likely hostels for mentally handicapped patients not needing hospital treatment. The DHSS however, has veroed the charge on the grounds that health service money cannot be rity which would become responsible for the former

Mr Jenkin has been asked to As a result more patients will remain longer in hospitals, while an available resource within the community remains

นทนรอน์. Warwickshire is making only very small cuts in its own social services this year. Mr Besseli persuaded his committee earlier this year that he needed an extra 5500,000 to cope with the growing demands of the elderly population. As demands for cuts began to be made, he ress been able to protect services largely by allowing that \$500,000 to be whittled away but at the cost of extra administration expense, as he has had to recast his budget five times

this year. Gloucestershire which Conservative controlled, is not cutting social services specifically this year but expects that the cost of inflation over and above cash limits will mean some effective reduction. Nothing will be decided until the implications of the rare support grant and cash limit announcements are clear.

If cuts are made, they are likely to affect the whole range of services, but fall most on provision for children and the elderly. Gloucestershire has already delayed filling staff vacancies, and has deferred opening an adult training centre for the mentally handicapped. Any cuts in residential provision for children are expected to be custioned by more community help.

In Liverpool, where there is a minority Labour administration, cuts have been made almost by sleight of hand. About 540,020 has been saved on concessionary fares for pensioners because about 20,000 people have not claimed the free passes they were expected to. Real cuts have been made in services for children; three small homes

have been closed. Cuts have also been made in the numbers of social workers employed and the secondment programme has been habited. been haived.
But Liverpool has benefited

both from the inner city partnership and joint financing, both Government sponsored programmes which enable resources from other areas to be spent on providing sorely needed services. The delicate political balance in the city has, however, meant that proper planning has been difficult when the absence of one councillor from a crucial committee meeting can mean that

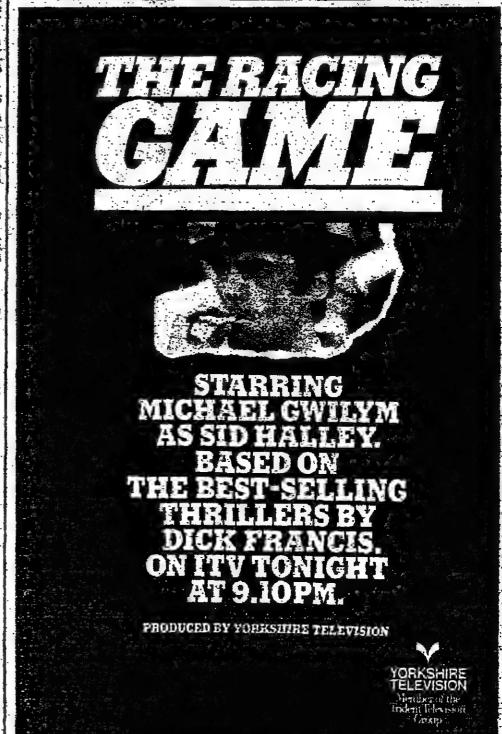
Each of those councils is unusual in the way they have responded to the imposition of cuts, but the monitoring of the reaction by local authorities indicates that there is no clear pattern. Each of the 116 local authorities in England and aumorines in England and Wales is interpreting priorities in its own way. In so far as patterns can be detected, it appears so far that the elderly are bearing the brunt because most local authorities are curring both their residential and domirillary provision. domiciliary provision.

At the same time it is clear that no area of service is sacro-sanct. Plans no build old people's homes are being abandoned, new homes are not abandoned, new nomes are not being opened, and the services that keep elderly people in their own homes are being cut back. New charges are being imposed for home help and meals on wheels services, and transport charges are being made for travel to day centres.

Residential provision for children is being out back in many places, with little corres-ponding increase in community services. Mr Peter Westland, director of Hammersmith social services, said that in practice the money would not be available for supporting community services in order to keep down

Services where there is gross underprovision are also being cut back, with hossels for the mentally ill and handicapped being abandoned, and aids and adaptations for the physically nandicapped being reduced in many areas. Cuts in staffing and training will also under mine the ability of social services departments to provide anything more than emergency

available from Advice within Mr Jenkin's department shows that there is little hope that the voluntary sector will be able to make up for the lost services. Although the social work service of the DHSS found it impossible to monitor the cuts in the face of hostility from the local authority asso cations, they have found that it is noticeable that social services departments are protecting their own services first. That means that they are already beginning to rely or placing old people, the voluntary homes as well as reducing their grants to them.



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The Detroit Symphony Orchestra, long iamiliar to us fromtheir recordings, have never until now visited Europe. Monday night's Festival Hall concert. was in fact their London debut. Their records speak truthfully of them: here is an orchestre of sound musicianship and firstrate technical quality.

Their main test piece was Mahler's First Symphony. Under Antal Dorati, this was no emotional extravaganza, but a strong, sober reading concentrating more on clarity of texture and integrity of line, and · leaving the emotional content of the music to speak for itself, And in that the character of the orchestra was on Mr Dorati's side. The strings here are full toned, but they are not in the least lush. The violin sound, if not exactly austere, is firm and solid, with a full sheen but a sharp focus; and the same could be said of the other string departments. We had an almost alarmingly rich and throaty sound from the violes in their F minor solo late in the finale, and a beautifully smooth, almost cello-like solo from the leading double-bass in the Frère Jacques" music-Mahler perhaps expected something more gruff, but I would not com-

There was some superb playing from the brase: crisp, urgent trumpets in the feniare music, nobly and surely ringing horns. The woodwind seem to stress blend and precision above individual refinement: clean, strong lines and their unanimity in the slow music at the opening of the work were a model of control.

Comrol is Mr Dorati's strong suit, too. He holds the tempo firm, often leisurely but slways taut, permits no liberties, no excess of sentimentality, even in the slow movement—though there he allowed extreme delicacy and sweethess in the violins G major massic. There was a sturdy scherzo, and a finale notable for its decisive pulse and its clean, hard lines. And where, in the outer movemotional release arrived, they lost nothing in force for the restraint in what had gone

Earlier we heard music from Barber's Madea ballet, deftly written, if not much above the level of a superior film score; and Mendelssohn's violin concerto, with Yehudi Menuhin bringing to it many refinements born of affection and understanding but often seeming too tense to make his points in duly relaxed fashion.

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of honour.

Revelation of the Post-Impressionist scope

present themselves to the spectator insideout, with much more excited attention going to the periphery than to the centre. The Academy's enormous new winter exhibition devoted to Post-Impressionism is one such. We tend to take the great figures for granted : Gauguin, and here are a cou-ple of superb Seurass; maybe the Van Goghs on the whole are not quite of the first water; no doubt the majority of the gracest I surrous are y water; no doubt the majority of the greatest Laurecs are at present in Chicago; and so on through the lavish representation of the established masters. However wonderful they are, we know them, and we are not surprised. But when a painting grabs your attention across a crowded room, and you discover that it is by Gaston La Touche or Georges Lacombe or William Stott or even, heaven help us, Roger Fry, then the surprise factor plays a very considerable parting your response.

This is a show full of such This is a show full of such

surprises. It covers roughly 30 years of paining in Western Europe (presumably the inclusion of relevant Americans and Russians would have swelled it from its present 428 canvases to quite unuanageable propor-tions), and comissis much more than would normally come under the heading of Post-Impressionism. To begin with there are representatives of what one might call the aheroatives to Impressionism alternatives to Impressionism; the rustic realism of Bassieri-Lepage and his followers all over Europe, but especially in England and Scotland; the esotetic symbolism of Gustave Moreau, which had as appropriately covert and impalpable influence on a lot of palmers. priately covert and impalpable influence on a lot of painters less interested in the Impressionists' experiments in the rendering of light and movement than in what pasitings were, in a somewhat literary stress about Them. sense, about Then, when we reach, chronologically, the period after the heyday of Impressionism (though not, of course, a time when the great Impressionists themselves had ceased to paint) there are many works, especially by paincers from Germany, Italy and Britain, which are unarguably Post-impressionist in the literal sense, but have little to do with Post-impressionism.

Which makes, in certain ways, for a confused effect. But a rich and provocative confusion: this is certainly one of the most stimulating shows to be seen in London for a long time, impossible to take in on one visit without mental and visual ladigestion, but well

as any sort of coherent move-



cerned, such as Clausen, and the Stotes did come cound in the Nineties to a much more brillian palette which puts them more evidently in line with Continental contemporaries—at a period which is explicitly excluded because then altagedly "British ardsts deliberately eschewed foreign influences in favour of national traditions"

Otherwise, the British selec-tion tends to confirm what we already know: the wooder of Steer, free for a brief, magic moment on the beach at Walberswick (or Boulogue for that matter), the dogged strength of Sickert in Camden Town (or Dieppe for thet matter) and visual indigestion, but well (or Dieppe for that matter) Toorop and van de veide in worthy of frequent returns, stand up well against any common an art nouveau context—
The predominant effect is one petition the rest of the show Toorop with his sinuous, obof pervasive, brilliant colour. can offer if the early nineties scurely Symbolist padntings
Curiously enough the first British room, covering the years to have been a magic curvilinear designs for furni1880 to 1895, is the principal place for this generation: over and over again in the two of the most striking paintings
because, while British painting rooms devoted to the effect of in the room of Pointillistes are
at this time did tend towards.

extraordinary with the pearly light of Brittany in Pardon in Brittany (1896), and Georges Lacomba, a lesser Nabi whose Blue Scascape—Effect of Waves (1894) achieves an upcanny balance between repre-sentation and bold stylization. Even a more conservative figure like Pascal Adolphe Jean Dagnan-Bouveret seems in Breton Women at a Pardon of 1887 to be reaching towards a new, simpler and more vivid

style.

More surprises are in store when we get to the Neo-Im-pressionists (perhaps better known as Pointillistes or Divi-sionists). We usually think of Toorop and Van de Velde in at this time did tend towards Britteny on painters we come by Toorop and Van de Velde, the restrained if not positively across generally unremarkable side by side: Toorop's amazing glum, in colouring (you cannot arists transfigured, like the Shellgather, where everything find so much intense colouring aforementioned. Gaston La is dissolved into a haze of it a kaliyard under a grey Touche, an "official" artist light and colours, and Van de sky), most of the painters con-

Bathing-Huts on the Beach at getty, obsessive brush-strokes Blankenberghe, another prime example of the period's obses-sion with the seasons and all points where land and water meet. Later developments in the Low Countries are chronthe Low Countries are chronicled next door, and it is here that the picture begins decisively to go out of focus: Ensor, of course, is important, but how does he begin to fit into this particular pattern of Post-Impressionism except by virtue of being around at the time? or is that, after all, enough?

The rest of the show is more scattered still. Painters who, whatever their personal contacts with Paris (as in the case of Munch), really belong wholeheartedly to the alternative Northern Romantic tradition postulated by Robert Rosenblum make strange bedfellows indeed with the Canden Town School or with dominates by size if nothing else, and Segantini, whose fid-

the standard view that the high road of modern painting is actually some sort of peripherique going round and round Paris.

though extremely painful view ing. A decade ugo Jarl collaborated on a film called They Call

Us Misfits, a reportage on the lives of two folly, near-delin-

jolly boys are dead; others are old before their time. One of

actually seen to die in the course of the filming.

The American representation

includes the now traditional annual contributions of the documentarists Fred Wiseman

and D. A. Pennebaker. Wise-man's latest reflection upon the

American social character, Manouevre, follows an infantry tank company from Louisiana through a series of Nato war

games in West Germany. Pen-

nebaker codirected with Chris Hegedus Town Bloody Hall, an

assembly of material shot eight

years ago at an early Women'

Movement event, a lively de-bate in New York City Hall in which the speakers included

Norman Mailer and Germaine

There are no fewer than a

and low budget films, among which Derek Jarmans The Tem-

pest is outstanding. Neither of his previous films, Sehastiane and Jubilee, entirely prepared

one for anything quite so good

as this — a rich, imaginative,

poetic and above all Shake-

spearean interpretation of the

play, with inventive design,

extraordinary images and ex-

rellent performances from Heathcote Williams as Prospero, Jack Birkett as Caliban and Karl Johnson as Ariel.

The critic Noël Burch's Correction Planta or Hom We Got

rection Please or How We Got Into Pictures is a fascinating

exercise, investigating, by the device of reproducing, the aesthetics of the movies at dif-

ferent times between 1905 and

Three of the British films

are by women directors. Susan Clayton collaborates with Jona-

the sound era.

the two main characters

always strike me as rather un-nerving, like being pecked at by a flock of humming-birds.

At the very end we return with a brave show of consist-

ency, to France, early Picasso, the Fauve works of Derain and

some early but characteristic Matisse. And so the final im-pression given is supportive of

Camden Town School or with Italians as varied as Balla, aiready after a fashion preoc-cupied with simultaneity in his three-segmented The Worker Day, Pellizza, whose political manifesto The Fourth Estate

The star of the closing week of the London Film Festival is unquestionably Rainer Werner Fassbinder, who has celebrated

Debuts: poise, push and profundity

debut rec'tals, has served as a painful foil to the enforced idleness of certain music critics. Any hope of catching up in these pages with all those who led the field is indeed vain. But while some may lap, others fortunately are still under starter's orders, where I Alison Baker's Purcell Room

recital showed us a planist barely 17, of great poise and confidence, a newcomer to the recital platform though not to the concert hall. Hers was a daunting programme that daunting programme that would have taxed a seasoned recitalist of twice her years. In Bach's French Suite No 6 she was in full control. There was plenty of light and shade, near tailoring of phrases, and as apt a sense of Barcque style as one could hope for on a modern instrument; but a steely attack resulted in a tone that was somewhat harsher than ideal. If this had been transideal. If this had been trans-lated from wrist action into sheer arm-weight in Beethoven's Sonata cous 10 No 3, it would have put the finishing touches to an otherwise impressive performance. This was a youthful reading that stressed the aggressive occun-tricties of the outer move-ments while allowing the tender moments of the Largo to hold only brief sway.

The more overtly virtuoso second half, four Kanzerte-tüden by Liszt and Schumann's Etudes epus 13 left no daubts as to Miss Baker's technical accomplishments. The ferocity of the display might appropriately have been tem-pered, however, by more of the warm, cantabile tone with which she characterized Liszr's "Lamento", where a cohesive, well-shaped melody strode above the fearsomely thick tex-ture. The Schumann pieces "coture. The Schumann pieces too were well thought out and brilliantly articulated.
Two violin and piano recitals

at the Wigmore Hall offered instructive points of comparison. The Canadian violinist Moshe Hammer and pianist Gloria Saarinen, though making their debur as duo parmers, are aiready familiar as two thirds of the piano trio One Third Ninth (something of actually some sort of péririque going round and of Paris.

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During the last year the in-dustry of young performers, mere in Ravel's Sonata, with demonstrated in numerous its marked contrast of the lyri-debut recitals, has served as a Bloch's Baal Shem suite.

The opening Beethoven sonata, opus 30 no. 3, though headstrong at first, eventually settled into a more comfortable pace, but Mr Hammer's apparent reluctance to award some rests their full value tended to push the music on as harpy to join them last ahead of its natural flow. There was nevertheless much to admire here, not least the full, rich tone in the rhapsodic and impassioned Bloch, the plen rhythms of Kreisler's Variations on a Theme of Corelli, and the vitality of Stra-vinsky's Suite italienne (arranged from Pulcinella). This last had a careful and considered performance; a racier one might have come piece.

The young Japanese violinist Takashi Shimizu, second pri-rewinner in last year's Carl Flasch competition and outright winner of the Beethclearly a player of enormous skill and versatility, equally at home in Beethoven and Szyhome in Beethoven and Szymanowski. Xenakis and Brahms. Ably accompanied by Gordon Back, he gave a masterly performance of the same Beethoven sonata I had heard two days earlier, assertive but not aggressive, with a vibrant tone in the hyrical passages and an understanding that can arise only from long and thoughtful study. Szymanoswki's Myths, three descriptive movements relating to menoswki's Myths, three des-criptive movements relating to scenes from Greek mythology, showed his colourful and romantic side, and the unac-companied Mikka by Nenakis his fauttless gitssandos and harmonics, a whole gamut of bowing techniques and almost every other special effect imag-inable.

Brahms's Sonata in D opus 108 was profoundly expressed and sensitively phrased; any slight roughness in the Adagio was more than offset by the variety of tone colour encompassed there, and the finale managed to accommodate successfully exuberance and ner-yous tension within its closely reasoned argument. Lingering doubts as to Mr Shimizu's technique were finally dispelled by a remarkable display in Sarasate's Carmen Fantasy, delivered with polish, finesse and consummate ease.

Judith Nagley

The domination of honour

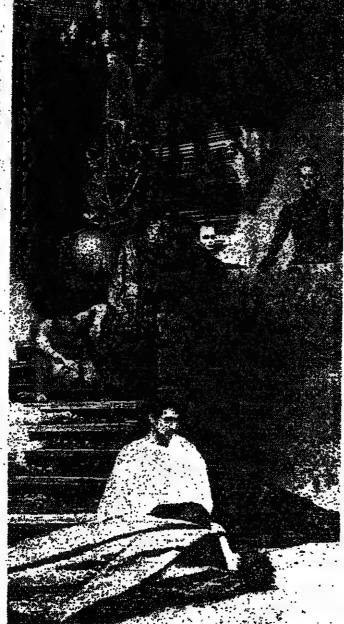
The Maid's Tragedy Glasgow Citizens'

Theatre-Ned Chaillet

It was Harold Cluman who bess summed up most iscobes and Elizabethau playwriting. "Mickey Spillans in verse," he called it. There is something in those pulp amotions, however, that is as true as genuine tragedy. Good actors and good directors can pull extraordinary feeling pull extraordinary feeling from the tangles of sex, feudal morality and bloody revenge, and, if Britain has a specialist in the Jacobean now, it is the director and designer Philip

Prowse. He does not pay every respect to the obscure word, and can be ruthless with his sources. Beaumont and Fletcher, are hickier than some in his treat-inent of The Maid's Tragedy, but as in all his best produc-tions he is only rathless in finding the essential content. In The Maid's Tragedy that content is honour. It is an idea that derivates are to harder that dominates every character, that pushes all the participants to their final bloodbath, and Mr Prowse keeps Honour on hand as a speaking and moving character throughout the action. In a dazzling opening, typical of Mr Prowse's inven-tion as a designer, billowing currains fall, a shower of glitter-ing gold drifts over the frozen actors and the play begins against a regal backdron of black and golden metals. After the interval, when the course of honour is clear, the backdrop will include skeletons thrust through with swords. When honourable thoughts are spoken, the character Honour joins in as a chorus. When honourable thoughts push the participants towards violence, it is the character Honour who draws swords and presents them. The character Honour is called on frequently to assist as the course of honour moves brother against sister, subject against king and friend against friend.
When the king bestows his mistress. Evadoe, on Aminor

as a bribe, he dishonours both as a bribe, he dishonours both Aminto; and, the woman Aminto; was to marry, Aspatia. Byadne will not sleep with her new bushand out of loyalty me the king and Amintor's loyalty as a subject crosses his intention of revenge. It is Evadne's brother, Melannius, noticing the disintegration of his friend Amintor, who brings about the various revenges that destroy virtually everybody in the name of honour.



scene from The Maid's Tragedy

In Mr Prowse's production it in is not the two supposed maidens in the play who bear the greatest suffering for they maidens in the play who bear the greatest suffering for they at least take action. Julia Blakek's Evadue, indeed, torn the beginning between a roughly concord of renseance and that the text suggests. vague concept of rengeance and that the text suggests. her eager subtrace of lust transcends the schisms of her personally the sustain of her duction, from the way to personality through murder and death. It is a rich performance.

in particular, suffers because Mr Prowse allows him to sur-

duction, from the way the king plunges his gloved finger into his drink and brutally shoves Tragedy instead is given to Amintor and Melantius (played with firm, calm. regretted heroism by Mark Lewis) Amintor (Colon Haigh), working in Britain.

Heutling Quartet Wigmore Hall

William Mann

Golden opinions have been won by this German string quartet for its gramophone recordings, and it was sad to see so few people at Wigmare Hall on Monday when the group was playing a choice programme for the London Goethe Institute.

Haydn's G major Quartet, the first of his opus 77, once nick-named "The Curiseys", showed the solid virtues of the Heutlings' achievement : a firm tonal support for the sweet-sounding, thoroughly active first violin, Werner Heutling who excelled in the florid runs of the Adagio; precise yet vivacious rhythm as the basis of a finely shaped opening movement; unanimity at high speed in the Minuet's trio section, and plenti-ful high spirits in the finale.

For Schubert's last string quartet, the great one in G najor, the Heutlings cultivated a more robust sound, while properly attentive to refinements of number such as are nuance such as are decply built into so many of its themes. Their reading pierced far within the music, beyond the notes, perhaps attempted too much of drama to satisfy all the sonorous beauty of the work. Character was emphasized at the expense of detail, contrapuntal or barmonic: full chords sounded hollow, tunes lacked legato-not always but sometimes, and in a cause that one could only admire, since this is not pretty, but heart-searching music, whose grand aspirations were never left in doubt.

Most impressive of all was the Heutlings' interpretation of Alban Berg's seldom-heard opus 3 quartet (not to be confused with the Lyric Suite, also for string quartet). This com-paratively early but already ambitious viece was given with full attention to weight, clarity and intensity of texture, structural coherence, and poetry—memorable indeed.

Some' of the reviews on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Singers Company back at Riverside

The Singers Company, directed It is a richly detailed proby Peter Knapp, returns to the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, with a new English version of Rossini's The Barber of Scrille, opening on December 18. The company will also revive its production Offenbach's La Perichole (December 19).



still from The Marriage of Maria Braun.

torian clothing industry; Anne Ambrose's *Phoelix* sets out to explore relations between the real and the apparent; Gins Newson's Vital Statistics is a lives of two folly, near-delin-quent 17-year-olds. Jarl decided to look up his heroes and their friends, 10 years on. He found—and shows—a pathetic pic-ture of decay. Things did not go very well with any of the young people. Drink and drugs took their toll. Some of the documentary on the cult of the female breast.

Another encouraging sign is the growth of independent film-making outside London. John Davies and Robert Smith made their City Farm in Leicester, with a grant from the East Midlands Arts Association, Bill Forsyth's That Sinkung Feeling, about young un-employed, was made in Glas-gow; Anthony Hafrild's Litu Brooke was made, with the assistance of Northern Arts, in the North-East on a budget of only £2,500 for an 80-minute fiction film.

For fun there is Roger Graeff's record of the Amnesty comedy gala, The Secret Police-man's Ball. Billy Connolly and Tom Robinson join the regular supporters of the gala—seen in Graeff's previous film record, Pleasure at Her Majesty's, which was shown at the 1977 London Film Festival-John Cleese, Michael Palin, Terry Jones, Peter Cook. John Fortune and Eleanor Bron.

There is a small but choice dozen new British independent Eastern Europe contribution to the Festival. Zsolt Kézdi-Kovács, director of When Joseph Returns and one of the most intelligent and unpredictable of the younger Hungarian filmmakers, offers a sharp allegory on opportunism in The Good Neighbour.

The Polish master Andrzej Wajda is evidently at a peak of his creative activity. His two films in the festival follow hard upon his magisterial Man of Marble (now at the Academy), and Wajda has since been working on two new feature films. The director is said to be less than satisfied with The Maids of Wilko, a supremely elegant if somewhat literary study of a man revisiting his past, in the shape of a country house and its mainly female inhabitants. Rough Treatment however is extraordinary, perhaps the most than Curling on The Song of the powerful work to emerge from apologies. Shirt, a lengthy essay on a socialist film industry since sweated labour in the early Vic- the forties. It relentlessly

chronicles the progress of disintegration forced upon a man who has stepped too far out of

The Third World entry ranges wide, with films from Iran too kidding ! . Nigeria, Morocco, Mali, Hongkong, Taiwan, Indonesia, Cuba and Egypt, as well as the Indian films mentioned in a previous atticle. World pictures in the past have often demanded a teeth-gritting sense of duty; the ones I have already seen from this year's festival however can be enjoyed on their own terms.

There are two new films from the master of Hongkong costume adventures, King Hurboth Legend of the Mountain and Raining in the Mountain are visually spectacular and energetic in narrative. The Egyptian Youseff Chahine's Alexandria. Whe? is an Alexandria . . Why? is an autobiographical recollection of Egypt in the early forties, and a young boy's ambitions for a life in the theatre, undeterred by someone else's war ranging all around. Cheerfully imperfect, irresistible in its vitality and warmth, this is for me one of the most attractive films in

the festival. Meanwhile the festival's most promising debut seems to be that of the young Moroccan Ahmed El Maanouni, who directed, wrote and photo-graphed Alyam, Alyam (Oh the days!). The camera obliges us to share the life, the daily detail, the concerns of a remote Moroccan village, where the distance between young and old widens daily. The old are eter-nally rooted; the young, untroubled by the incubus of a colonial past, dream, and perhaps will one day fulfit their dreams of going away to the promised new world of France.

In my review last Friday of Monty Python's Life of Brian I described the British Board of Film Censors' AA certificate incorrectly. Contrary to what I wrote, the AA rating permits children under 14 to see the film whether accompanied by an adult or not. My

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Robert Jackson examines our unhappy position in the EEC budgetary structure.

Strasbourg shows the way to a better deal for Britain

Why has Britain's net contribution to the EEC budget grown so excessively that—as Mrs Thatcher's recent statements imply—a major crisis is in the offing if some radical correction is not agreed by the prime ministers at Dublin at the end of November?

The conventional way of stating the problem is to point out that the Community's finances are doubly biased against Britain. On the revenue side nearly half of the EEC's income derives from taxes on imports from outside the Community—a system which bears hard on the country with the highest proportion of non-Community imports. And on the expenditure side, six years after Britain's entry the EEC still spends three-quarters of

side Britain. The mistaken tuctics of the Labour governments of 1974-79 must bear a large share of the blame for the failure of the Community both to bring farm expenditure under control and to develop effective new spending policies bringing in a net benefit to Britain. But, how-ever we allocate the blame, the fact is that the Community budget now bears unacceptably

upon Britain. The root of Britain's present difficulties lies in the fact that until now the budget has been essentially an accounting device automatically registering and paying for whatever is decided by the agriculture ministers of

Thus, one of the basic reasons why the pattern of Community expenditure has become so lopsided in favour of farm price support -and so its budget on farm price sup- until now the agriculture

there has been no budgetar constaint upon their policies The easiest way to overcome conflicts of interests has been simply to spend more all round: which is why the Com-

munity now finds itself in the absurd position of devoting 45 per cent of its outgoings to the financing of milk surpluses, and Britain finds itself in the intolerable position of being the biggest net contributor to the Community budget while having the third lowest per capita income in the EEC.

The EEC budget must become an insurament of genuine political choice, playing the same as the central instrument for establishing rational priorities

the thrust of the Community's political evolution in particular the creation of the directly elected European Parhamen endowed with budget-

ary powers of large potential significance. In 1975 the Treaty of Rome was amended to provide new powers for the Parliament over Community spending. Over the three annual budgets which followed (1976-78) the Parliament tried to achieve a better balance in the budget by exercising its powers to increase expenditure outside the farm sector—a campaign which led to the crisis at the end of last year about the size of the EEC Regional Fund, and a major victory for the Parliament in its efforts to increase the size.

ministers have been able to the kind of misallocation of for the first time to make use make open-ended demands at the bottom of Britain's EEC spending. Here the treaty must be to secure agreement amendment provides that if the budget problem.

Of course, the overnoung Britain open of its powers over agricultural Britain objective this year must be to secure agreement amendment provides that if the Dublin treat month on a form of "corrective mechanically page." the Parliament votes (by a form of simple majority) to cut this anism "the type of spending, or transfer it so other purposes, its member commodifications" to the budget any substa will stand unless they are reversed by a majority in the Council of Ministers—ie. by Council of Ministers—ie, by voting for the Parliament's proposals at the budget ministers' council. On Friday a min-

ority of governments can ensure that they are adopted. Britain and Italy alone—the two major critics of the way CAP is working-could constitute such a blocking minority, as they did at the beginning of the regional fund affair last year. By ellying with Parliament in its efforts to reduce wasteful farm spending they could begin to grasp an important prize the essection of fanancial discipline over the CAP budget-which way, in the long term, to stop | elected Parliament has decided | has so far eluded them.

anism that automatically pays back to less prosperous member countries, like Britain. any substantial excess of con-tributions over receipts.

Nevertheless, it is important not to make the mistake of confining our efforts to the pursuit of a "corrective mechanism alone. Such a device is neces-sary, but it will only be con-ceded on a temporary basis, and it does not touch the heart of the problem—which is the maldistribution of the Community's spending. Wasteful farm sup-port, the skimping of expend-iture to back up the Com-munity's social, regional, energy policies these are not wrong only because they give rise to an unacceptably large British net contrabution to the Coml munity budget. As Chancellor of the Community's efforts.

This is a question of style as

well as of substance: Brazan is more likely to win a sympa-thetic hearing for her case for a corrective mechanism and for the approval of its consequences by the European Par-hament of it is clearly pre-sented in the context of a positive strategy for improving the overall working of the

Alongside its pursuit of a corrective mechanism as an immediate solution to Britain's EEC budget problem, the Government treeds to apply a positive philosophy for the development of the Community budget as a filter of the community budget as filter of the community budget as filter of the community as filter of the community budget as filter of the community budget of the community budget as an effective instru-ment for financial discipline to the benefit of the Community as a whole, Although the curs in wastern farm spending which the European Parka ment has voted at this year's budget are essentially

Support for them will ena Britain to demonstrate that interest in the Commun budget is not confined to one issue of our net contri way to a long-term solution that issue.

Indeed, if the worst con the worst and Mrs Thate fails to get satisfaction in demands for a "correct mechanism", it will be all more essential for Britain be able to claim that it tried every door which this that which the European I liament unlocked at its spebudget session in Streethours the beginning of this mont The author is Conserva

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Another historical view of the question: who rules Britain?

How Attlee stood up to strikers

in July, 1945, a highly secret deeds the year before, as a of dissent around the Cabinet gathering of senior civil sermatter of urgent priority. table. Attlee's characteristically wants and soldiers met in the Home Office at the invitation of the permanent secretary, Sir Alexander Maxwell. Sir Alexander opened the meeting by sander opened the meeting by the representatives of the lossing in the lauguage of the minutes. "One could not rule out the possibility of large scale industrial disturbances a month after taking power, and one priority. Table. Attlee's characteristically table. Attlee store in table. Attlee in table. Attlee's characteristically table. Attlee in table. Attlee in table. Attlee's characteristically table. Attlee in table. Attlee in table. Attlee in table. A minutes. "One could not rule Such fears proved ground-out the possibility of large less. On August 22, less than scale industrial disturbances a month after the large from out the possibility of the scale industrial disturbances a month after taking power, during the next few years, and Arilee received a letter from London power sit was the business of the Government to be prepared for an Secretary, urging that consequency of that kind. He had thought, therefore, that ing an organization for the mintainance of essential supties. Little happened at first to be cleared from the cleared from the moral and entire the sideration of the moral and entire taking power.

London power is become almost to the Cabinet. There were, moral and entire taking power, and the strike power is to the constant to the cabinet. There were, moral and entire taking power, and the strike power is to the cabinet.

The Maxwell group decided, dock strikes which while the Second World War across the country from Merwas still raging in the Far seyside.

East, that the Supply and On Occober 8, Attlee sum-Transport Organization, the moned his senior colleagues, weapon fashioned by Stanley Bevin, Morrison and Green-Baldwin to break the General wood, to a meeting with no ready for peacetime contingencies. The fact that it was tions at official level and coma team of Labour ministers to missioned Chuter Ede to chair whom the plan had to be put, a small committee to work out wever, must have caused Sir details. Alexander a pang of anxiety. Next day, the full Cabinet The experience of 1926 was met, in ignorance of these very

I have an uncomfortable feel-

ing that many, indeed most, of you are entirely unaware that this is World Hello Duy, and that even some of those who, their priorities better arranged,

do indeed know about the importance of the occasion, may not know exactly what is

required of them because of it. True, such ignorance has little

to excuse it; November 21, 1979, is the sixth annual World

Hello Day, and six years is surely long enough for the

news to have spread to every corner of the civilized world.

Still, Shaw said, "Never waste sarcesm on an ignorant person—inform him", and that is the

spirit in which I approach my

task and you, today.

World Hello Day originated in the minds of the three Brothers McCormack of Omaha,

Nebraska, who do not seem to me to be anything at all like

dealing with such an emer. At the end of September gency should be put before ministerial minds were concentrated by a rash of unofficial

Next day, the full Cabinet seared on Labour's collective private discussions, and took a The Attlee Cabinet decision to put the Army into was pledged to repeal the the docks. Less than three Trade Disputes Act, 1927, months after taking office, the

the Brothers Karemazov of

the Brothers Karemazov of Tobolsk, Russia, though there are three of them, too. But Michael, Tom and Brian McCormack thought up the idea in 1973 (to be exact, Bret Michael had the idea, and Bret Tom and Bret Brian fell in with his wheeze the moment he told them about it); its purpose was and is "to open channels of communication. so

channels of communication, se that people would talk instead of fight".

aim, the question that imme-diately arises in my mind, how-

ever, is: are the methods advo-cated likely to lead to the desired end, or are they, on the

contrary, likely to lead very much in the opposite direction?

For the point at which we all come in on World Helio Day is contained in the following

Every person who chooses to

awful words:

That is certainly a laudable

Just over a month before the passed by Baldwin to punish Labour Government was bresk-Attlee Government took office the labour movement for its ing a strike without a squeak in July, 1945, a highly secret deeds the year before, as a of dissent around the Cabinet gathering of senior civil sermanter of urgent priority, table. Attlee's characteristically London power stations in 1950. By 1948 strike-breaking had

> There were, however, a few moral and emotional hurdles to be cleared first. While Ede's committee was considering the kind of permanent machinery that ought to be established, poor Africe, to add to his woes, had to put up with lec-tures on the subject of strikes at his weekly meeting with George VI. The King was parti-cularly agitated by trouble in the gas industry and raised the prospect of going on strike himself! He wrote in his diary

come almost second nature

for November 27, 1945:
"The liberty of the subject was at stake if a strike interfered with home life. Essential services such aome life. Essential services such as gas, electricity and water should never be used for those purposes in an unofficial strike. He [Artice] and I could easily go on strike. He would send me no papers and if he did I would not sign them. But we don't i"

participate in this annual event will say "Helio" to 10 people to whom he has never

Now that may be, indeed almost certainly is, all right in Omaha, Nebraska, and for all I know in Tobolsk, Russia, as

a well-deserved reputation for open-heartedness, for looking on the bright side, for wishing well to their fellow-men and being perfectly willing to demonstrate as much. When one Ometanian meets another even

Omahanian meets another, even if they are complete strongers to one another (if, that is, anybody in Omaha is a complete

rices, reply "You're welcome", and the warmth with which they

invest the words makes them most convincing.

Yes, but in these parts, you see, we are mostly English or thereabouts, and I am obliged to tell the Brothers McCormack

Americans at least have

greatest secrety for fear of it leaking while the Trade Dis-putes Act was in the course of being repealed, began with a ringing declaration of princi-

ringing declaration of principle:
It is the elementary duty of the Government of the day to ensure that the community is not deprived of the essentials of life: it follows that if the normal means of supplying these essentials break down, whether as a result of industrial disputes or as a result of an attempt by a political faction to coerce the community, the Government must provide alternative machinery of its own."

When the Cabiner discussed the report on March 8, 1946,

When the Cabiner discussed the report on March 8, 1946, Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health, who had been a member of the Ede Committee, cavilled at the prospect of organized strikebreaking and said be was not prepared to have the regional organization of his ministry (which had been used in 1926) involved in industrial disputes. "In any event", the minutes record event", the minutes record him as saying, "he doubted whether it was practicable to prepare in advance plans for meeting a purely hypothetical

situation. The Prime Minister, in his no-nonsense "Major Artice" style, would have none of this: "He could not accept the argument that no plans should be made until the nature of the americation.



be too late to make affective arrangements; and plans imposed in a hurry at the last moment were likely to contain the way defects which it was desired to avoid... He also cited the analogy of war preparations, which were made-and had to be made-against hypothetical continguates. Finally, he pointed out that failure to make preparations in advance would increase the risk that at the last moment undue reliance would be placed on military assistance." It took a spate of troubles.

however, before the paper

lorry drivers' strike of Janu-ary, 1947, when the Guards bil-letted on Clapham Common moved smartly into Smithfield to keep the meat ration going plus dislocation caused by the appalling weather of February and March, led to a further review and the establishment. of a proper regional network. Attlee snjoyed several advantages over his successors. He presided over a nation conditioned by the discipline of war, both from forces life abroad and experience of the siege economy at home. The plans were turned into any-thing tengible. The London

dockers, for example, went back to work in june, 1948, after he delivered a memorable headmasserly broadcast on BBC radio the night before.

On the practical side, the Ministry of Food ran a tried and tested rationing operation for distributing essential supplies speedily and fairly. In 1945, for example, the Government had port labour battations of the Royal Engineers to put into Ciydebank, trained men who had worked on the Mulberry Harbours after D-Day, During the

1947 : troops in Smithfield Market take over food supplies held up by a strike

41 day dock strike of autor 1945, a total of 43,000 ste diers replaced them. By the time the Attlee G ent drew to a close, h which today's commen ready becoming he Emergency drew up a plan in 15 released at the Public Rec Office earlier this year, beeping the nation's fuel i power industries going in t

When the moment came putting troops into the Lonpower stations in 1950, the madequacy in handling m ern generating equipment plain for ed to see. H. Gaitskell, then Minister Fuel and Power, wrote a .) phetic note in his d january 27, 1950: "W election is over the ment ought really to face to the issue of power stat strikes, and decide when they can afford to treat ti is ordinary industrial dispu-in my view they cannot."

Peter Henne and Keth Jeff Dr. Keith Jeffery is a lecti

Bernard Levin

Hello, how would you like a punch in the face?

body in Omaha is a complete stranger to anybody else in it), they are likely to look favourably on each other's existence, and not to assume without definite evidence, preferably corroborated, that they are in any present danger of violence or fraud. In Omaha, Nebraska, as in other parts of the United States, kotel door-keepers wish those leaving their premises a nice day, and do so, moreover, in tones which suggest that they mean it; similarly, telephone-operators, thanked for their services, reply "You're welcome", thing up to 10 vigorous punches in the face.

I am sure the Brothers McCormack will be when they read these words; but my duty is to say what is, not what. I wish were. It is not without significance. I feel, that when, in the course of bringing the news of World Hello Day to people of influence throughout the world, the Omaha Three wrote to the Queen, the reply they got on Her Majesty's behalf they uppend it, together with a number of the other replies they got, to their letter to tell the Brothers McCormack telling me about the Great Days that in these parts, if you set explained that "it would not out ou November 21, or any other day for that matter, to say in accordance with bear normal custom to comment on "Hello" to 10 people you have it."

I am not surprised. Her

are likely—indeed, you are Majesty, as is well known is virtually certain—to receive, in most mindful of the interests the course of the said day, any and well being of her subjects, he course of the said day, any hing up to 10 vigorous punches in the face.

I am as sorry about this as I am sure the Brothers McCormack will be when they my hard a hard a hard my my him to be a single to their pains must alarm and distress her as much as it does me.

The fact is, in this country we do not say "Hello" to complete strangers unless (a) us. are importuning them for an immoral purposes, or (b) we are barmy, or (c) we are being employed by Panorama to see just what happens if you say "Hello" to strangers, or (d) we are un holiday from Omaha, Nebraska, or (e) any two of more of these. In this country, if we see a stranger approaching, we assume as a matter of course that he is intent upon doing up a mischief, and that the best thing we can do is to the best thing we can do is to cross the road, first carefully

buttoning the flaps over the pockets in which we keep our money and other valuables.

This, of course makes the launching of World Hello Day in Britain a rather more hazardous matter than the launching of it in Omaha, Nebraska, or for that matter, the more startled than greeted, and said make the world a better place, what wook more startled than greeted, and be? The group pondered, rasks, or for that matter, "Hello" I think I might feel apparently, in Wellington, New more startled than greeted, and more distressed than either. Intropid trio of Omaha have Certainly I would not regard received a letter signed by the such an intervention as coming Prime Minister of New Zealand under the baseling of "opening blinself, in which he says that channels of communication", he thinks World Hello Day is but as, if anything, closing them, he thinks World Hello Day is "guite a good idea" and even in Ottawe, Canada, where their Prime Minister goes even further and premises that "I will do my part to make World Hello Day a success". (It is just as well that the Prime Minister of Canade is not on a state visit to Britain poday, for if he sot punched in the face by strangers to whom he said "Hello" it might cause a serious strain on inter-Commonwealth relations.)

between hostile nations, and American troops were on global alert. It is, of course, open to them to claim that if World Hello Day had been in full swing for some years before that troubled time, Dr Kissinger would have had no need to say more than "Hello" to the leaders of the hostile nations to necessade them to the order. to persuade them to abandon their hostility so that American troops could stand down from

under the heading of "opening channels of communication", but as, if anything, closing them, and locking them securely to

i am just old enough to

remember, or at least to pre-tend that I remember, when men used to write to The Times

men used to write to The Times to say that if only fifther had played cricket, node of that unpleasautness, would have taken place. The trouble with the theory is that it left fifter with, so to speak, an Undistributed Middle; fifther as he was but with cricket added would have been just the same (only a bit more boring, perhaps) as he actually was, and what the "Here comes Hitler at the nursery end" achool really meant is that if Hitler had not been quite so masty. "Hello" it might cause a serious strain on inter-Commonwealth relations.)

The Brothers McCormack, it should be observed, had their notion when "Egyptian and fired straight at miles were trady for war, Dr Kissinger shuttled between hostile nations, and really meant is that if Hitler had not been quite so masty he would have been a bit nicer. But if we had some leggs, we could have some ham and eags, if we had some ham if the world were a better place, it would be safe for all its inhabitants to go abour, saying "Hello" to strangers; but that would be the evidence that the world was a better place, nor the cause.

be? The crope pondered, then replied, in an eldshould 'ave a bicycle, and about smilin' at one anoth

A horrid thought. But it . after all, a comedian's fem They order these things be isi Omaha, Nebraska, and i actually put into practice so thing not far removed from very nightmore. True the is no direct concern of m and if the Brothers McCorm should eventually find th selves curning for their l' before a crowd of their fel' master of my fare, I am captain of my soul, and I : give notice that not only a day today saying "Helto" strangers; I am taking no r of having strangers and "Helto" to me. In short, I staying in bed from this ming till amight, and anyone ing to say "Helto" into Entryphone will be so Goodbys.

Fortunately, his spirit lives on.

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> The Buchanan Blend THE SCOTCH OF A LIFETIME



The mullah on the number 20 omnibus

You might think that the dra-matic scene inside the American Embassy compound in Tehran was the most amazing phenomenon in the Iranian capital fust now, but you would be wrong. After only a few days, a visitor realizes that the sheer normality of this great, dirty, traffic-clogged city is infinitely more astonishing than the details of the crisis in Iranian-American relations.

For all the talk of fantical mobs and economic chaos, you can still catch the Number 20 bus—a green-pointed British Leyland double-decker — into the centre of town, shop for French clothes in expensive stores or call in for a meal at local Kentucky Fried Chicken house.

A few luxuries have disappeared from the shops, how-ever. Iranians weaned on the American way of life can no longer buy Skippy peanut butter or Kraft cheese spread at read him a stern lecture on the the Forshgah Bozorg, Tehran's evils of alcohol before allowing biggest department store and, in keeping with Ayatollah Khomeini's views on the geaeral appearance of women. French and American cosmetics have been banned.

So, of course, has alcohol. Most hotels still boast a Most hotels still boast a generous room bar service with a fist of expensive whiskies and vodka but the fridge contains only a couple of orange juices and a Cocn-Cola.

With lunch, you can quench your thirst with a duq, a strange contoction of yogurt, soda water and ice. Only a very few restaurants occasionally

few restaurants occasionally allow customers an illicit glass

Even the diplomatic corps is not entirely immune from the new anti-alcohol rules. Although embassies still have stocks of beer and gin (generally discounted by the stocks) ally dispensing them in very mean proportions to guests), there is no protection outside the compound gates. One Western embassy official

was making his tired and slightly emotional way home from a party some days ago when he was stopped at a Revolutionary Guard check-point. Smeiling his breath (there is, naturally, no need for breath-testing machines in the new fran), they frightened the luckless diplomat off to a mosque near by where a mullah

Tehran is not an ottractive city by western or oriental standards. Its square apart-ment blocks and the architec-tural poverty of the shop

to the place a sterile, curiously East-European air. Even the real air is so dark with smog East-European and real air is so dark with smog that the magnificent mountain sterling against the output that the magnificent mountain of 140.

But on the whole foreign much of the day.

Motorists certainly need a treated in Tehran. The only disagreeable thing is the spread which occasionally wear dark

they negotiate their way through the city. Iranians, who in every other way are among the most efficient and intelligent peoples in the Middle East, are also among the region's worst drivers and if there were statistics for cardiac arrest on Tehran's highways, they would be high. To turn left on a busy road, motorists have adopted the traight across the opposite identity of quests at the Interlane in front of speeding continental Hotel. I could not trucks. If two motorists resist handing him my own travelling in opposite direct genuine post-graduate student

tions both want to turn left at the same junction, they drive head-on towards each other until one of them cries chicken and applies the brakes. Tehran's inhabitants are also having trouble with their city's political geography, for nearly every main street in the capital has now changed its name. Puhlavi Street has rather inevitably disappeared, to reemerge as Dr Hussein Fatimi Street, but taxi drivers still do nor remember the new parters.

every foreigner in Tehran is changing money on the black market where the Iranian real

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mania which occasionally sweeps the city. Wear dark glasses in a crowd and someone will almost always mutter

American relevision crew were interrogated for six hours apparently because they filmed their country's embassy from a high-rise office building. At around the same time a student turned up to check the identity of guests at the Intergantine post-graduate student card from Trinity College, Dublin, He looked at it blankly. for a few seconds then began chonting and produced a small

sub-machine gun.
It was not the kind of response one expects from a fellow student (and cestainly quite unlike the behaviour of a member of Trinity). In spite of the enormous poli-

tical power that the students carry they must be disappointed at the lack of evidence of es-



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archives they came up with a street How are things. I as couple of slightly unive letters. "Good", he said, "But they couple of slightly naive letters. Good "ne from Mr. Cyrus Vance, the Sec.

of American military men anda which disclose noth more damaging than the Uni States Army's disregard for basic rules of English graum Outside the embassy, growth of revolutionary becomes ever more imaginat One of the latest additions : of the compound and clear inspired by Robert Capa's f ous photographs purporting show United States Mari raising the States and Stripes two Jima in the Second We War.

in this case, however, it dents are depicted raising green Islamic flag, one end which has introculously turinto a hand which is in to strangling the Stars and Strit Every poster supports Aya lah Khomeini and there are slogans backing Mr Sha Bakhtiar, the Shah's fort Prime Minister (despite Bakistiar's belief to the c trary). In a country wh counter-revolution is also ber no one criticizes the clergy wudly.

The Good Soldier Schw After runmaging through now. A few days ago I ca what was left of the embassy across an Iranian friend in

HIRD TIME ROUND THE COURSE

five months of the Sunninge executive. It also answers one dictate of Ulster politics: portant as it is to get your own y, it is even more important to p the other fellow getting his y. All in all direct rule has ch to commend it.

et every secretary of state felt impelled to move on to nething else. Mr Merlyn Rees ed to advance through an constitutional convenn left to its own devices and urged only with the mission to ee. It didn't. Mr Roy Mason. anized a round of bilateral ks with Ulster's politicians und the scenes. The talks bore fruit. Now Mr. Humphrey rius has come forward with invitation to the four most merous political parties in ster to meet him in conference h a view to agreeing a form devolved government. Yester-, he presented them with a cellany of helpful suggestions

the form of a white paper.

Why, when they have in the ration an administration for province which is widely erated (no mean achievement the circumstances) do succese British Governments strain break out of it, especially en there is no encouragement be drawn from previous

art of the answer to that stion les in the temporary I provisional origin of direct e and the air of a colonial ergency which cliugs to itlegislative assembly dissolved I much use of Orders in Coun-It is defective in its represenve character, possessing only set of district councils with ty powers and nvelve MPs on to be seventeen) in a use of 635. The opportunities elected public service are tricted to those positions. ich are unimportant in the e of the councils and few in case of Parliament. Othere the only scope for repretative service to the comets on public boards. This is

pinson has predictably raised

lamour among his fellow wor-

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m the Reverend P. J. Mason.

With great respect to the scipal of St. Hugh's College and at (November 14) I would discuss most strongly their assertion the "whole community"

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ect rule. That has provided elective participation they took en handed and efficient for in return. In short, direct ministration, free from the rule is an inferior form of government to that established elseless stable structure -

Another reason for trying to move on is that the British Government is under pressure to take a "political initiative" towards settlement in Northern Ireland from Dublin, the United States and, to a less extent, European capitals. If the pressure is ignored government of Ulsterand containment and ultimate suppression of the Provisional IRA must be expected to be made more difficult, both by a greater reluctance to cooperate on the part of the Republic of Ireland and by external encouragement to disaffection working upon nationalist opinion within Northern Ireland. The Government would also find its foreign relations becoming blighted in a more general way by the Ulster issue. It is therefore advantageous to the Government to be seen to be doing something on the political front in Ulster: enough for others to be able to say. At least they

There is also recognized to be interaction between political moves and what occurs in the arena of terrorism. In relation to the kind of political move nowcontemplated, bowever, expectation of that kind should be pitched low. No readjustment of the administrative arrangements the province within the United Kingdom will abate in the slightest degree the hatreds, grievances or ambitions of the IRA. Some benefit might accrue from the better contentment of the Roman Catholic community at large, making concealment and high morale more difficult for terrorists. But it has to be observed that the Provisionals are now at their most effective just when overt support for them in the Catholic population of Northern Ireland is at its lowest ebb. They mye enlarged our understanding of Mao's dictum about the fish of revolutionary violence and the water in which they swim: water remains water when it is very lukewarm indeed. . All this adds up to a good case. atisfying to the ambitious for trying the near-impossible ile those who are content to once again. And to judge from

dismissal of Mr. Detek to one in favour. In addition, workers. It is possible that the

Mr Robinson has for many years

peen an open and acrive oppo-

nent of all serious efforts to set

the affairs of BL in order, a

destructive influence only per-

In the current condition of the

motor industry the question

whether the dismissal was fair

in itself is secondary to the ques-

tion whether it was politically well advised. It has gained greater publicity for Mr Robin-son and his views than his

pamphlet could ever have done,

and it has cast him in the role

of martyr. Although he has

been a colourful and strident

figure in the affairs of the com-

pany, his support in terms of

votes at union meetings has

more than once in recent years

tially under the control of the

union to which he belongs.

r five and a half years the leave public affairs to others (in his white paper Mr Atkins is wince of Northern Ireland has all societies the great majority) aware of the destabilizing risk involved in reopening institu-tional questions in Ulster and has been careful to minimize it. Neither Irish unity, nor Ulster independence, nor an "Irish dimension" (the bugbear of Sunningdale) is on the agenda. Power-sharing, the phrase, is out : though power-sharing, the thing, is present as one possible way of looking after the interests of the Catholics. Alternative possibilities mentioned are the requirement of qualified majori-

ties at various crucial points in the processes of devolved government, appeals to external authority from contested legislative or executive proposals, and powers of over-ride at Westminster. Police and army are reserved, so are taxation and foreign and EEC relations. Otherwise the type and scope of devolution are wide open. The parties can bave pretty well anything if only they will all

And why do they find it so difficult to agree (the Unionist party has been refusing so far even to discuss the matter in the forum proposed) when the penalties of disagreement are so painfully obvious and the reward of reconciliation is at least an improved prospect of return to full civil order? This is something Englishmen find very hard to understand, and in their bafflement they are inclined to attribute a moral deformity to the people of Ulster—bigotry, or brutality, or a retarded sense of values. The explanation lies elsewhere. The differences so stubbornly insisted upon in Ulster concern the most fundamental of all political lasues: allegiance, national identity, the legitimacy of the state, matters which Englishmen had settled for themselves by the end of the seventeenth-century. These are issues which are usually disposed of only when one side prevails decisively over the other. They are issues which it is particularly difficult to hold in abeyance by means of some working compromise designed to mask them. Difficult but not impossible, and the hope must be that Mr Atkins will fare

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Robinson would be substantially

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influence can be broken. But

it would be an error in industrial

psychology to suppose that wor

measures to salvage their com-

pany thereby relinquish their instinctive prejudices about victimization and solidarity. Mr

Robinson reinstated because of

union pressure would be a more

formidable figure than ever. It

is a gamble; at this stage one can only say that Sir Michael

has so far conducted the affair

of BL with steady nerves and a

judgment that has more than

once proved better than that of

kers who vote to accept painful

British Leyland without Mr

immediate predecessors.

Hvity.

sad, however, that you do not state the most important answers known by those companies who have schieved, and are achieving higher productivity.

It is the prime job of those who

manage to put over to all em-ployees, continually and regularly, the vital need for productivity and the actions necessary by each to schieve it. This can only be done by apening the channel of combasis through managers and super-visors (overseers to you, Sir), to every working team of employees. It is not about the right of

Yours faithfully. JOHN GARNETT, Director, The industrial Society.

in have power to stop the been shown to be wanting. Last month's vote on the Edwardes te the execution of proposals plan was an overwhelming repulorsed by the workforce only diation of his views by his fellow w weeks ago by a vote seven

ET US HOPE IT WILL STICK

It is always easier to exhort the Church then to take a simple action

T MARK HODSON,

From the Reverend Douglas Bean Sir, The points raised by the Principal of St. Hugh's College, Oxford, in her letter today (November 14)

Great, Britain attend Holy Communion on Sundays. The percentage who attend the divine offices of Mattins and Evensong is even less. How the linguistic heritage of the Authorised Version of the Rible and the Book of Common Prayer can be influential on the people of this country when the great majority of them are not present at the services of the Church is a question I would

London, quite rightly requested that the 1662 services should be available, so the Sunday services of Holy Communion at 8 am and Evensong at 6.30 pm are the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer (until recent months Evensong was sung

The number present at Holy Communion at 8 am averages 10 and at Evensong 17. This church is a indred yards or so from the centre of London University and there are several halls of residence within the

English or students attending in any numbers to appreciate the beauties of the Liturgy, nor, as a matter of fact, at any other of the main churches of the country. I am afraid, as I said, the subject

is purely an academic one. Yours sincerely, DOUGLAS BEAN,

'Life of Brian'

his critics.

write these words again, not least because *The Times* has the unique function of "Keeper of the Nation's Conscience", and it is a conscien-tions matter to which I wish to draw your and your readers' arrention.
The new film, Life of Brian, is, from all reports tasteless, probably blasphemous, but most important deeply offensive to the religious susceptibilities of millions of believers. It is no excuse that it is funny, or meant to be funny, or successful in its own genre: this would not serve as an excuse for for racialist productions under the existing law, nor for a charge of a breach of public order by using offensive words or behaviour in a public place. The success of this film depends on its capacity to insult and

tion not be the subject of criminal proceedings?

Imagine for a moment a similar film of the life of a contemporary

effectively than a jeering remark at a football match or in the street : the law should extend the definition of " public place" to cover this, and extend the list of interests protected from insult to cover insults to religion as well as colour and race. Yours faithfully,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sparks on the gunpowder

From Mr A. Latham-Koenig Sir, Your powerful leader of November 13 makes a number of very important points, but spoils a good case by laying too much of the blame for the low productivity of the British economy at the door of the trade unions. trade unions.

Of course, restrictive practices of all sorts which have been allowed to luxuriste in past years, partly because of weak management, are a major impediment to higher productivity in the United Kingdom. But they are only part of the explanation. There are many other causes of productivity differentials between the United Kingdom and its competitors which pertain to the management function. Chief among them are the ineffi-

cient allocation and control of work, outdated equipment, deficiencies of planning, product development and marketing which result in an inefficient product mix, weaknesses in the management, monitoring and scheduling of plant operations, etc.

scheduling of plant operations, etc. I cannot, therefore, agree that the lack of freedom of workers to sell their labour in the best market is "the prime cause of how productivity". Especially as your statement that, "In the United States where workers are very free, productivity is at its highest" is, to say the least, questionable in view of the stagnant productivity in the the teast, questionable in view of the tragnant productivity in the United States in recent years, which is one of the major worries of the United States Administration.

United States Administration.

Although the absolute level of productivity in the United States is still higher than in Germany and France and, a fortiori, the United Kingdom, the gap is closing fast. For the growth in output per man hour in the United States has declined from more than 3 per cent in the 1960s to less than 1 per cent in the nest five years, the same as in in the past five years, the same as in the United Kingdom, while it has increased over 3 per cent in France and Germany in the same period. Yours faithfully.

ALFRED LATHAM-KOENIG Economic Adviser, McKinsey & Company, Inc. 74 St James's Street, SW1.

From Mr John Gernett Sir, How good that on the welcome day of republication (November 13), your leader should be on the vital need for increasing produc-

As you say, the Government can help by creating a national atmo-sphere. The unions are crucial in consultation and negotiation. It is

managers and supervisors to talk directly to ill employees, it is about their duty to do so—because the future of Britain, as well as The Times depends upon it.

3 Carkon House Terrace, SW1. November 14.

Routine indecency? From Mr David Webb

Sir, Mrs Mary Whitehouse is quite mistaken in concluding that the Government has insisted on the exclusion of broadcasting from Dr Brian Mawhinney's Private Mem-ber's Indecent Displays (Control) Bill (Nov 16) for the simple reason that it does not support the Bill in its entirety. A letter I received from the Home Secretary, dated July 26, agrees with the National Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acre that "It is right to await the findings of the (Williams) committee . . . before coming to a view on the changes which are needed in the existing

However, whilst supporting some measures for the protection of those who do not wish to be fercibly affronted by material they would deem offensive, we are extremely concerned about Dr Mawhinney's refusal to include in his Bill a legal definition of "indecent" and also provision for the requiring of the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions before a case may be brought under the Act. Not even a "public good" defence will be

permitted. The very serious implications the passing of this Bill in its present form will have for newsagents, bookshops, bookstalls and places of entertainment are not, we feel, generally appreciated. It will signal the wreen light action "goahead" the green light action "go-ahead" for every crackpot from the "Puritan Brigade", as well as piling on the confusion to our already chaotic

An NCROPA meeting with Dr Mawhinney has failed to convince him of the potential pitfalls in his Bill, but, hopefully, Parliament will have the good sense to see the very real dangers it encompasses and reject it. Yours sincerely,

DAVID WEBB. Organiser, ational Campaign for the Reform of the Obscene Publications Acts, 15 Sloane Court West,

Chelsea, SW3. November 17.

Dressed as sheepmeat From Mrs Patrick Cable-Alexander Sir, Sheepmeat? Two good old English words; who wants words introduced here by those French

JANE CABLE-ALEXANDER, 8 Berkeley Drive, Bamber Bridge, Presson, Lancashire.

Professor Blunt and security

Sir, Before the witchhunt in Westminster and elsewhere goes any further. I would be grateful for the opportunity to bring to the attention of your readers certain aspects of the Blunt affair that have hitherto been overlooked and which the security authorities are most unlikely to reveal for themselves.

When an enemy agent is dis-covered, the natural instinct of the security authorities is not to expose but to use him, and the greater his importance the stronger this instinct will be. Not only is he a mine of with the North only is the a time of useful information, but if his employers are unaware that he has been "blown" they will keep in contact with him. He can then be used as a double agent feeding them misinformation and continuing to obtain from them material of value to our composeruite services.

obtain from them material of value to our own security services.

It must always be a matter of very fine judgment whether such an agent should be exposed and justice seen to be done, or whether his cover should be preserved so that he can be used by our own security authorities. In the final resort the determining consideration is likely to that not of abstract is likely to that, not of abstract justice, but perception of the national interest. The value of keep-ing Professor Blunt as a card in their own hands rather than dis-carding him by handing him over to justice must have been a major factor in the minds of those who made the decision. But if he were to be so used, the knowledge would have to be confined to the smallest have to be confined to the smallest possible circle, and nothing could be done to indicate that he had forfeited the confidence of any of

his employers, however eminent.

It is unlikely that the security authorities took the decision without authorization from their political masters. But they may have made a very convincing case for not revealing to them the identity of the man in question, and the ministers concerned may have preferred not to know. They are now in a position to declare with a clear conscience that they had no knowledge of any pardon being granted to Professor Blunt. The Palace, however, could not be kept in ignorance they had to be conscious partners in the deception.

Those who took the decision must have realised that sooner or later the truth would be known and that they would be pilloried for it. But they would be pilloried for it. But before we throw any more rotten tags we would do well to consider carefully the issues confronting the men who took the decision and ask ourselves whether they were really so wrong. Would the country really have been better off if Professor line, had hear made to exact trial Blunt had been made to stand trial for treason in 1964? Yours etc.

MICHAEL HOWARD, Chichele Professor of the History of All Souls College, November 17.

Sir, Professor Blunt, we learn, almost certainly alerted the traitors Burgess and Maclean on the eve of the latter's interview by the security

Perhaps it is not too lete in the dey to remark that his action may not necessarily have been prompted by persisting Marxist sympathies? As long ago as 1938 another Cambridge man, E. M. Forster the writer (like Mr Blunt, closely associated with the Aposrles) was boasting: "If I had to choose between betraying my country and betraying my friend I hope I should

From Professor Michael Howard, have the guts to betray my FBA

Need one look further than this poisonous doctrine as the inspira-tion for Mr Blunt's protective intervention?

Never has Mrs Thatcher shown her political resolution to better advantage than in her spontaneous decision to drag this shabby little history into the light of day. In doing so she has struck her shrewdest blow for British liberty and exposed spurious "liberal" values; and the moral impact will be quite as decisive in its effect, and as far-reaching, as any of her radical economic initiatives. I am, Sir, your obedient servant, RUSSELL BURLINGHAM, Reform Club. Pall Mall, SW1.

From Mr Wilfrid Blunt Sir, As Anthony Blunt's eldest brother, may I through your columns express on behalf of the family our deepest gratitude to the writers of the three letters published in The Times today, as also to you for publishing them?

Until the story broke in Private Eye a month or so ago, none of us had the faintest inkling of what it as now been revealed: that Anthony was one of a considerable group of yery able young men with Markist leanings at Cambridge in the early was, of course, common knowledge.

Whatever Anthony may have done, nothing can detract from his achievements in the world of art to which your correspondents have so eloquently testified, and nothing can diminish our affection for him. We stand united behind him. and I could never adequately repay kindness he has shown me and the help and wise counsel he has given

me throughout my life.

My brother Christopher and his wife I know feel the same. Yours sincerely. WILFRID BLUNT,

The Watts Gallery, Compton, Surrey. November 17.

From Mr J. B. da Silva

Sir, Professor Blunt spent a night er a ouer in my house in Germany shortly after the war. I have never met him since then but still recall his visit with pleasure and bear him personally no ill will. But if we were to accept Mr Brien Sewell's contention that heroism and treachery are two sides of the same coin, our moral confusion would surely be complete.

One is noble, the other base—a distinction clearly maintained in the Soviet Union, to which Profesfor Blunt seems to have given his allegiance for so long, where the penalty for treachers is a bullet in the back of the head. Yours sincerely.

JOHN DA SILVA. Virginia Water. November 17.

From Dr Barbara Reynolds Sir, To hold Communist views is one thing: treason is another.

Those in doubt should read Dame Rebecca West's The Meaning of Treason, especially the last chapter of the second edition. Yours faithfully. BARBARA REYNOLDS, 220 Milton Road, Cambridge.

The basis of credit From Lord Boothby

Sir, The present world economic recession, with all its miseries, is not due primarily to a shortage of oil, but to American insistence on fixing the price of monetary gold at an absurdly low level at Bretton Woods, and subsequently on demonerizing it altogether.

If we had made gold the basis of credit, and then distributed and used it properly, as the Currency Resolutions of the Genoa Con-ference of 1922 recommended, there would have been no pre-war deflation or post-war inflation, with the massive unemployment they both brought. Instead we returned to the gold standard in 1925 at the wrong, and fixed, parity of exchange; and there was no effectire cooperation between central banks of issue.

emain valid. First, that productive investment depends on the expectarion of profit. We have done every thing possible to limit that expecration. Second, that individualistic capitalism, precisely because it entruses saving to the individual investor. and production to the individual employer, presumes a stable measuring rod of value, and cannot be efficient—perhaps cannot survive-without one. Gold alone can provide that measuring rod because the whole

Keynes is now widely discredited. But he said at least two things that

world believes in it, and has done for two thousand years; and no one believes in anything else, least of all the dollar. That is why we have no viable international monetary. system today. Your obedient servant.

ROOTHRY. House of Lords. November 18.

Panorama' in Ulster From Mr Peter Taylor

Sir, It may be useful to bear the following points in mind amidst the furore surrounding the BBC Panorama team's filming of the Provisional IRA in Carrickmore. I have filmed similar incidents under similar circumstances in my

work as a journalist for ITV: one was a Provisional IRA madblock in Ballymurphy during the Queen's visit in August 1972; the other a border checkpoint at which an M60 machine run was displayed in March, 1978. After much discussion which centred on their journalistic validity, which must be the criterion

which such sequences are judged, the programmes were transmitted. Clearly, since the murders of Airey Neave and Lord Mountbatten, the political climate has changed. Panorama's film lies unransmitted at Lime Grove and Scotland Yard.

There is a degree of hypocrisy in the cries coming from Westmin-ner for the BBC to " put its house in order". The leaders of both political parties have long realised the realities of the simution they face in Northern Ireland.

On July 7, 1972, William White-law, then Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, met the military and political leadership of the Provisional TRA at a private house in Chevne Walk, Chelsea, They were Seamus Twomey, Sean McStiophain, David O'Connell, Gerry Adams, Ivor

Bell and Martin McGuiness. Eleven days later, Harold Wilson, then Leader of the Opposition, met the same men at another location in London. More recently the last Labour Government maintained its contacts with the Provisionals at Laneside outside Belfast.

Memories are short. Mr Whitelaw later remarked that, although be found the meeting distasteful, it was not the first time in history that Britis's governments had talked to terrorists, What has Lord Carrington been doing at Larcaster House for the past ten weeks?

Furthermore, Panorama was only filming a reality which the British Army itself acknowledges. In a secret document intercepted earlier this year and dated December 15, 1978. "Future Terrorist Trends". the Arrev states:

Although the Provisionals have lost much of the spontaneous backing they enjoyed early in the campaien, there is no sign of any equivalent unsuree of support for the Security Forces, There are still areas within the province, both rural and urban, where the terroriers can base themselves with little risk of betraval and can count on active support in an emergency."

Obviously Carrickmore was one of those places.

The BBC has an honnurable record in covering Northern Ireland. Panorama was attempting to carry on the tradition. The team would only have failed in their journal-jetic duties if the hooded men they filmed were actors not Provisionals. It is unfortunate that such public debate as there is about Ireland is centred more on the way the ornh-

lem is reported than on the problem

Yours sincerely PETER TAYLOR,

Fees for overseas students

From Projessor Christopher Thorne Sir. It is good to learn that the Government have been prepared to change their minds over the proposed cut in the grant-in-aid to the BBC for the corporation's foreign language services. Furthermore, it would, I take it, be only charitable to assume that this revoking of a previous decision has been brought about, not simply by the prospect of difficulty in keeping the rank and file of the Conservative Party in line, but by a readiness to recognize the force of the arguments against any reduction in the already all 100-slender means at Britain's disposal for exercising influence, as distinct from power, in the inter-

mational arena.

Would it be naïve to hope that a similar change of mind may now be forthcoming over the decision to increase steeply the fees charged to overseas students coming to Britain to pursue their higher education? The argument of national self-interest is by no means the only one that leads many of us land I include in those ranks many foreign academics, of the kind with whom I am at present working) to conclude that this proposal is absurd. But on those grounds of absurd. But on those grounds of self-interest alone, do not the considerations that presumably have carried weight with the Prime Minister over the matter of the BEC's External Services apply, mutatis mutandis, with every bit as much force to this question of expresses students! feet.

overseas students' fees The said Prime Minister, we are frequently told, is a person who prizes intellect and believes in the exercise of logical argument. How fortunate, then, that at a time when ber standing in the country and abroad may soon be put to sterner tests, she at least is provided with this opportunity to demonstrate that reason, together with flexibility, does indeed have some place in her armoury.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER THORNE, Professor of International Relations, Inluersity of Sussex, Falmer,

Sussex. November 14.

From the Vice-Chancellor of Bath University

Sir, The folly of determining the level of participation of those from overseas in our universities on any-thing but academic grounds happens to be very clearly illustrated in the first of your obituary supplements, published on November 16.

Under the heading "Scientific research and discovery" you quire rightly give oride of place to Six

research and discovery" you quite rightly give pride of place to Sir Ernest Chain. Professor Dennis Gabor and Professor Otto Frisch, a German, a Hungarian and an Austrian, all of whom made outstanding contributions to British universities, coming to Britain as a result of racial discrimination in the German universities in the very early stages of the Nazi takeover. The discrimination was of a different order from anything pro-

posed here, but it is significant that this year's Nobel Prize for Physics, awarded to Professor Abeus Salam, recognises scientific work which would hardly have been done in Britain if a discriminatory "econo-mic fee" had been charged 10 overseas students when Salam first an undergraduate and subsequently a research student in Cambridge, shortly after the war. It is also significant that the two other Nobel Prize winners, Chain and Gabor, like Salam, had close connections with Imperial College which, precisely because of its international standing and con-sequent strong international sequent strong international element, must be under particularly serere pressure as a result of the Government's plans for the univer-sities. The Government is finding very strange ways to motivate excellence and initiative in the university sector. Yours sincerely. PAUL T. MATTHEWS.

Apocalyptic question

Bath University.

November 19.

From Mr C. M. Lynch Sir, If the Americans attack the Russians with atomic missiles based in Britain, what will bappen next? Yours faithfully, C. M. LYNCH 8 Heath Drive, Potters Bar. Hertfordsbire.

Re cycling

From Mr G. A. Vickers Sir. Your correspondent, Mr A. S. Minton (November 13), suggested allowing the hard shoulder of motorways to be used by cyclists and

hikers.

Is Mr Minton a cyclist, or a hiker?

It he had ever had the experience. of breaking down on a motorway, and had to walk along the hard shoulder, he would know that the hard shoulder of a motorway is not a pleasant place to be, if there is any noticeable volume of traffic. If the exhaust fumes, noise and buffeting are not a sufficient de-terrent, the outcry that would follow the statistically inevitable involvement of a pedestrian in a serious motor accident would ensure the termination of the scheme.

G. A. VICKERS, 14 Amery Road, Harrow, Middlesex.

November 13.

Harvest in the park From Mr Roger Coombs

Sir, Times change indeed when. after your long absence, your return is marked by a letter from a corres-pondent (November 15) boasting about the unlawful taking of fruit from one of the royal parks.

The mushrooms are presumably not cultivated : but the mediars, figs and mulberries are surely the property of Her Majesty. Yours faithfully. ROGER COOMBS. Spindles. Goudhurst,

Kent. November 15.

to the rites and ceremonies of or the fires and ceremons of the fire any Christian body. Furthere, it is just not true that eryone is familier with the rgy of the Prayer Book and the on only those who live in the bastions of Innocence could ribly believe such absurdities. umerous clergymen up and n the country will share my erience that ignorance of the s in any translation is wide-ad and profound. Yet many ple are coming to ordinary sh churches with no great lite-, cultural or even ecclesiastical ensions and background. We not wish our task to be made e difficult by presenting them, archaic tools for shaping their.

1 any case, it is difficult to find suggestion in the New Testa-it that the Church's task includes , of preserving a cultural-and ary heritage. ers faithfully.

TER MASON, ar of Writtle, Vicarage, Lodge Road, unsford, ember 14.

m the Right Rever**end Mark** Ison I wonder if it has occurred to

of the distinguished signatories he letters and petitions about the of the Authorized Version of the de and the Book of Common wer that what they really should is campaign for prayer and Bible Vicar of St. Pancras, ding in the houses of our 12 Fitzroy Square, W.L.

country. To spare a moment each day for a collect or two, and short passage from the Bible, could keep the language familiar, and in living

Yours faithfully.

An assistant Bishop of London, 3 Vincent Square, SW1 November 14.

are purely academ Two per cent of the population of

like to be answered. The P.C.C. of St. Pancras Church,

I have not noticed professors of

From Mr Antony Allott

Sir, It is a pleasure to be able to

When (probably wrongly, in my opinion) persons can be prosecuted to conviction for jumping off a bridge suspended by an elastic band (" insulting behaviour "?), or bound over to keep the peace for wearing num's clothing at a football match (few nuns in habits go to football matches anyhow, and they are unlikely to take offence), why should the much greater insult and provoca-

or deutero-Muhammad: the uproar, the stoning of cinemas where the film was showing, would be tremendous. I am sure legal and para-legal means would soon be Showing a deeply offensive film to millions in cinemas up and down the land publishes the insult more

upstarts? Yours faithfully, ANTONY ALLOTT, 21 Windsor Road, Finchley.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 20: The Queen this morning opened the National Coun-cil of Social Service Exhibition for Voluntary Organizations at the Royal Horricultural Society's Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1.

Her Majesty was received upon urrival by the President of the National Council of Social Service (Sir John Partridge) and the

vice (Sir John Partridge) and the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor R. W. Forrester).

The Queen was then conducted on a tour of the Exhibition by the Chairman of the National Council of Social Service (the Hon Mrs Charles Morrison).

Mrs John Dugdale, Mr Robert Fellowes and Lieutenant-Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson were in artendance.

mained to luncheon.

The Right Hon Mrs Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this

an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the National Playing Fields Association, this morning presented President's Certificates at Buckingham Palace.
His Royal Highness, Pairon and Tweifth Man, presented the Lord's Taverners Schweppes County Championship Trophy.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Grand President, this afternoon attended the Commonwealth Council Meeting of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League.

His Royal Highness President

ing of the British Commonwealth Ex-Services League.
His Royal Highness, President of the South of England Agricultural Society, this evening attended a dinner with Vice-Patrons and Members of the Council at the Society's Show Ground, Ardingley, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Sussex (Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk).

attendance.

The Prince of Wales today visited Units, in Northern Ireland, of which he is Colonel-in-Chief, The Hon Edward Adeane and Mr John Dauth were in attendance.

Her Majesty was present this evening at a Reception given by the Worshipful Company of Barbers at Barber-Surgeons' Hall.
The Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gillat were in attend-

November 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Northgham and was emer-tained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor of Northgham (Councillor D. C. Birkinshaw) at the Council

House.

In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness opened Colwick Park.

The Princess Margoret this evening attended a gold dinner and cabaret at The Big Heart Club in aid of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, of which Her Royal Highness is President.

Royal Highness is President, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Wills.

at Sir Jack Lyon's Theat Marylebone Road, this evening. Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE this evening attended the Royal Concert in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund at the Royal Festival Rafl.
Captain John Treadwell and Mrs.
Peter Wilmot-Sitwell were in

Birthdays today



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Wonderful RHS finale to record-breaking year In bonour of Mr W. Stringer, the delightful and frangrant pale pardener at Girton College, cambridge, who is due to retire shortly, the college has arranged a display of some of the 60 types of pink flowered viburanm tious old and modern apples it grows in "Eve Price". The various red and white bertion of varieties, one tree of each, as well as to produce fruits for hybrids are particularly colourful, 400 students and staff it is a most as are those of various sorbus. a dry brush technique of trans-parent watercolours to great

A gold medal in the Lindley range went to Christopher Grey-Wilson for his boganical pen and

ink drawings and water colour paintings illustrating alplacs, impatiens of Africa and various other plants.

Among the many worthy trade and amateur exhibits, JASE (import/Export) Ltd, of Batter-sea, won the only gold medal for its display of Selyokan Bonsai trees. The display contains a wide

trees. The display contains a wide range of plants, showing conifers, deciduous trees with good antumn coloured foliage, fruiting malue and pyracantha, and trees in general from very tiny miniatures to those about 3ft high but with gnarled trunks 25m to 3 in in diameter, indicating their great age.

Horticultural

By Our Horncultural
Correspondent
The Royal Horticultural Society's
show in the New Hall, Westminster, is a wonderful finale to
a year of interesting and record
crowd-breaking exhibitions organized by the RHS. In addition to
the trade and educational exhibits there are on view products
of the late annle and pear comof the late apple and pear com-petition, the competition for ornamental plants from the open, and the Orchid Society of Great

and the Orchid Society of Great Britain's competition.

There are some excellent plant paintings and drawings on display for which three gold medals have been awarded. Barbara Everard achieved here for superb paintings of many different genera and species of orchids. Leslie Greenwood received his award for the original and beautifully detailed line drawings he made for Sheila MacQueen's book Complet Flower Arranger.

Jeanne Holgate was awarded

Jeanne Holgate was awarded gold medal for 18 original watercolours depicting 48 emblem varieties of dessert and culinary flowers of all 50 of the states of apples, a number of which are America (some flowers represent rarely available these days.

Forthcoming

marriages

Mrs Rupert Woollcombe, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, and Rosemary, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Simonds, of Nicosia, Cyprus, and Mrs Eirwen Harbottle, of St. John's Wood, London. Mr G. R. A. Conquest and Mrs E. N. Wingate The engagement is amounted and

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the marriage will shortly take place between Robert, son of the late Mr and Mrs R. F. W. Conquest, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the late Colonel Richard D. Neece, USAF, and Mrs Neece, of El Paso. of J. Crook and Miss C. L. Vincent The engagement is amounced between Jonathan, elder son of Mcand Mrs Smuley Crook, of Swindon village, Cheltenham, and Camerine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stanley Vincent, of Epsom.

Mr W. D. Day
and Mrs J. E. Haynes
The engagement is announced
between Wilfrid Derek Day, of
Wellington Road, Bush Hill Park,
Enfield, Middlesex, and Janes
Eleanor Haynes, of Queen Anne's
Gardens, Bush Hill Park, Enfield
(formerly of Cuffley, Herdordshire), widow of Mr P. A.
Haynes.

Mr J. Harris
and Miss C. D. Johnson
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan, son of the late
Mr Dennis Harris and Mrs J.
Harris, of Alsager, Cheshire, and
Carol, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Peter Johnson, of Monmouth,

Mr N. Newton
and Miss S. Singsby
The engagement is announced and
the marriage will shortly take
place between Nicholas, son of the
late bir and Mrs Robert Newton,
of Smith Street, Cheissa, and
Selinda, eldest daughter of
Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs W.
L. Singsby, of 22 Crondace Road,
Mr. L. Street Mr J. R. Stafford and Miss S. E. Boulter

The engagement is amounced between Julian, youngar son of Mr and Mrs R. Smfford, of Ruddersfield, and Susan, eldest daughter of Professor and Mrs D. Boulter, of Durham.

Mr D. E. Woollcombe and Miss R. C. E. Simonds The marriage is announced be-tween David, elder son of Mr and

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh opens
NAIDEX conference and exhihidren. Wembley, 11; as president of Maritima Trust, visits
RRS Distovery, Victoria Emhankment, 3; opens Somerset
House art treasures exhibition,
4; as petron attends dinner of
London Federation of Boys
Clubs. Les Ambassadeurs Club,
Hamilton Place, Westminster, 3.
Princess Marearet names new life-

boat "Silver Jubilee, Civil Service, No. 38" for the RNLI, Margate, Kept, 2.30.

Margate, Kent, 2.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, president, British Consultants' Bureau, visits Senegal and Ivory Coast.

The Duke of Kent presides at board meeting of Imperial War Museum, 12; attends Machine Tool Trades Association annual digner. Greatenes Mother botal

dinner, Grosvenor House hotel, Exhibitions: From Holiar to Heldeloff, costume and fashion, Victoria and Albert Museum, Kensington, 10-5.50: Lawrence Preece, Woodland art gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, Greenwich, 10-7.30;

A memorial service for the 9th Earl of Albemarie will be held at St Margaret's Church. Westmin-ster, on Thursday, November 22, 1979 at 1991.

The juneral service for Lady McCorquodale of Newton will be held on Thursday at All Saints', North Cerney, at 12.43.

Mrs Mary Frances Phillips, of Kentish Town, London, left £25.738 net. After two legacies of £300 she left the residue to the

Latest wills

es new life.

Mr W. J. Blake
and Miss E. S. Cozens
The engagement is aunomaced
between John, eldest son of Mr
and Mrs Seymour Blake, of Old
Bridge, South Petherton, Somerset, and Liz, only daughter of
Mr and Mrs John Cozens, of Over
Stratton, South Petherton.

Mr J. T. Hant and Miss G. K. Rennie The engagement is announced between John only son of Dr and Mrs John Hunt, of Bassett, South-ampton, and Gill, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rennie, of Batchworth Heath, Herdordshire.

Marriages Mr J. N. Gifford-Mead and Mrs A. Foot The marriage took place in Lon-don on November 20 of Mr John Gifford-Mead, of Stable Cottage, Berwick St James, Salisbury, and Mrs Ann Foot, of Two Way House, Brockbam Green, Betch-

Mr F. V. Ford and Miss K. E. Owen The marriage took place on August 4, 1979, at the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption and St Gregory, Warwick Street, Wi, between Mr Francis Ford, elder son of Mr and Mrs Brinsley Ford, and Miss Kate Owen, daughter of Mr John Owen and Mrs Mary Owen.

Mr S. J. P. Hood and Miss J. E. Baumgariner
The marriage took place at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London, W1, on Saturday, November 17, between Mr Simon Joseph Paul Blanco Hood, elder son of Mr and Mrs Robin Hood, and Miss Josette E. Baumgariner, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jean Baumgariner, The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr Jacques Gerber. Dom James Hood, brother of the bridegroom, officiand, and Father Joseph Christie, SJ, said the nuptial Mass.

Imperial Society of Knights

Sir Rex Niven was host at a lunch-

Sir Rex Niven was host at a luncheon given by the Imperial Society
of Koights Bachelor as the Royal
Overseas League yesterday.
Among those present were:
Sir Anthony Wagner, Sir Cilbert Inglefield, Sir Arbur Diver. Sir John
Howard, Sir John Tilnay, Sir Erit
Cheadle, Sir Amur Maini, Sir William
Rarris and Sir Moger Falls.

The annual luncheon of the Shrievalty Association was held at Skinners' Hall yesterday. Cap-

tain Jeremy Elwes, chalman, pre-sided and the guests of honour were Sir Michael Havers, QC, and Lady Havers. Mr Justice and Lady Cautiey, Sir Wilfrid Bourne and Mr N. E. Leigh.

Earoness Elliot of Harwood Baroness Elliot of Harwood presided at a luncheon of the ladies committee of the European-Atlantic Group at the House of Lords yesterday. The speakers were Mme Helen Vlachos and Mrs Elma Dangerfield, honorary director of the committee.

Barbers' Company Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother

dieen Enzaocta the queen Motaer attended a reception given by the Master of the Barbers' Company, the Wardens and their ladies, at Barber-Surgeons' Hall yesterday evening. The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and members of the court livery with

their ladies were also present.

Mr Norman Tebbit. Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a reception at I Carlton Gardens lost night in hunnur of Mr M. V. Malapo, Minister of Commerce and Industry for Lesotho.

Royal Institution of Chartered

Surveyors
The liftieth anniversary dinner of

The inform admirerary dinner of the Chartered Quantity Surveyors was held at Grosvenor House last night. Mr G. M. Townsend, presi-dent of the division, was in the chair and other speakers were Sir Derek Erra and Canon R. G. G. Foley.

The Treasurer of Lincoln's Ion. Lord Renton, QC, and Masters of

Receptions

EM Covernment

Lipcoin's inn

Luncheons

possible archaeological import-ance and arranged for the Department of Urban Archaeology to excavate through the basement of the existing building before demolition They also paid the cost of

post-excavation work.

Their action and methods provide an example to other developers faced with similar difficulties in areas of archaeological or historic importance.

A man in Salisbury, Wiltshire, who has spent the past five years recording and analysing the remains of wartime pillboxes, including various lines of ground defences against German invasion. post-excavation work. defences against German Invasion, was awarded the BBC Chronicle

Mir Henry Wills, of Washern Close. Wilton, Salisbury, who is chief photographer for the Salisbury Times and Journal, located \$,000 miniforts and searched Home Guard manuals and War Office records. His project will be deposited with the Imperial War Museum.

Essex County Church won the

Angle-German Association

The Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, with Fran Ruets, and Lord Strathcom and

Monor Royal. Minister of State

Monor Royal, Minister of State for Defence, with Lady Streth-cons, were the speakers and guests of honour at the annual dinner and ball of the Angio-German Association held at the Café Royal, resterday. Sir Frank Roberts, president of the association, and Lady Roberts, received the guests. Others present included:

The British-Italian Society held a dimer dance at the Savoy Hotal or Monday night. The guests of honour were the Italian Ambashdor and Signora Wanda Ducci. Lord Hasings, president of the society, presided.

Mr. M. M. Pennell, president of the Welding Institute, and Mrs.

Pennell gave a dinner party at the Arhenneum Club yesterday in honour of Professor W. Soete, who delivered the first Richard Weck lecture to the institute, and the 1979 Welding Institute medallists. Those present included:

TW. Drys. 'h' I A. Street and P. V. C. Walkins 'Sir William of the lades. Sir William of the lades. Sir William I Brooker medilisti and the Dick, Mr. Stone medalisti and the Dick, Mr. 1/2 Leslic Lidstone, the and Vrs. F. Starton. Mr. and Wrs. A. Robert inc. and Dr. and Was. A. A. Wells.

British-Italian Society

for three desert variences ("Loru Lambourne", "Blenheim Orange" and "Red Coat Grieves") and three cooking variences ("Golden Noble", "Blenheim Orange" and "Edward VII"). A. Anglo, Harrow, won first prize in the class for amateurs showing dessert varie-Trees and shruhs in antumn colour with decorative foliage, flowers or bervies are creating considerable interest, not only on the trade stands but also in the ornamental plant competition. Some good plants to look for are

as are those of various sorbus, ilex, berberis, pyrancautha, coroneaster and Callicarpa comubia. Equally attractive are some of the conifers, bearing good collec-

tions of cones.

A number of plants were sub-

A number of plants were and the mitted to the committees and the following received awards of

Archaeology award for enlightened Lloyd's

An enlightened approach by a developer in providing time and facilities for the archaeological investigation of an interesting site has earned Lloyd's of London the award sponsored by The Times in the annual British Archaeology Awards.

The award is for the best contribution to archaeology in the United Kingdom by a commercial or industrial firm.

Lloyd's, when considering the development of a large site near the known Roman basilica under Leadenhall Market, realized its

as well as to produce fruits for 400 students and staff, it is a most interesting exhibit and contains

very clean fruits.

Girton College virtually swept
the board in the late apple and

pear competition, taking many of the first prizes, including those for three desert varieties ("Lord Lambourne", "Blenheim

removing floor slabs and provided all facilities and a further 530,000 to cover excavation and

Essex County Council won the Country Life award for the best contribution by a local authority.

The council, which appointed an archaeological officer in 1972, now employs a staff of 14, and excevation teams, on a programme of recording, surveying, research and excavation. The Rhistrated London News gward for the best presentation excavation went to the York

excavation went to the York Archaeological Trust for the dispisy on its Coppergate excavation, which authors more than \$0,000 visitors a year. The silver trowel award, sponsored by the Legal and General Assurance Society Ltd, for showing the greatest initiative in British archaeology, went to Camerbury Archaeological Trust, which last year raised \$80,000 for excavations in the city. It also received £250 towards administration costs.

Senior pupils of Holly Lodge comprehensive school for girls, Liverpool, won an award apon-sored by Lloyds Bank for their location of Latham House, which was destroyed during the civil war, and Kendali grammar school, Cumbria, won a similar award for jumor schools for their survey and project on ice houses of the southern Lake District.

The British Gas award for the best project by a child aged between nine and 16 went to Andrew Boucher, sged 14, of Longhborough, for his study of nine parishes in north Laicester-thies threatened by symptomic threatened by symptomic parishes. mine parishes in north Lacester-shire threatened by gypsum mining, and Mark Houliston, aged 18, of Gravenburst, Bedford, with his study of moated medieval sites in south-east Bedfordshire, won an award sponsored by Shire Publica-tions for the best project carried out by full time students aged between 16 and 18.

The awards were presented by Mr Magnus Magnusson, host of the BBC Mastermind programme, at a reception yesterday at the British Museum.

Bench. gave a Grand Day Latest appointments

dinner in the Great Hail yeaterday. The guests were:

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Lord Large Cartine, Lord Wigness,
Barmess Alway of Abhandso, LieutionBarmess Alway of Abhandso, LieutionBarmess Alway of Abhandso, LieutionBarmess Alway of Abhandso, LieutionBarteness, Mr. Sar Victoria Russer, OC. Wr.
Sir Leim Arnold, Larg Justice Walles
Sir Gorald Thesigner Treasure, LongTemple), Mrs Justice Battler-Stone, Bar
Temple), Mrs Justice Battler-Stone, Bar
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Mr. David Cardwall, aged 58.
director of the Atomic Weapons
Research Establishment at Aldermeston, to be chief of defence
procurement in the Ministry of
Defence, in succession to Sir
Clifford Cornford.

Mr Gordon Minnie, aged 49, Under-Secretary responsible for Industrial Development in the

Colonel James Ellis Evans, chairmen of the North Wales Police
- Ambority, to be Lord-Lieutement
for Clwyd in succession to Colonel
Sir Warkin Williams-Wynn, Bt. Mir Alexander Wilson, director of libraries and museums for Cheshire, to be Director General of the British Library's Reference Division in succession to Mr Donovan Richnell.

25 Years Ago From the Times of Monday, Nov 22, 1954 By Our Military Correspondent

Nov 2Z, 1954
By Our Militury Correspondent
British soldiers at home stations
now are using their last cakes
of blanco, khakd or green. By
Christmas they will be using a
new sort of "renovator, web
equipment", which looks rather
like boot polish and it applied in
much the same way with a brush
and without water. Blanco has
been the officially recognized
cleaner for web equipment since
1913, but it was first made in
1875 when a Volunteer Force
soldier, John Pickering, claimed
that his family firm of polish
makers could produce a better
cleaner than pipeclay for the
white buckskin equipment soldiers
then wore. After a long barrackroom controversy about the merits
of the two methods of whitening,
the troops abandoned pipeclay.
When the army fully adopted
khaki service dress at the time of
the South African war khaki
blanco was produced, and with
the appearance of web equipment
in 1908 it came also in shades of
green. It is claimed that the new
renovator, which will be sold
exclusively by the Naafi, is easy
to apply, dries quickly, does nor
run off, is lasting, can be touched
an or just wiped over.

Scorish Economic Planning
Department, to be director of the
Industrial Development Unit, in
succession to Mr R. H. Bonham

Science report

Zoology: Family life of dinosaurs

stantiate the ties that discosairs were capable of everesting parental care. Although many feasil eggs and oug fragments have been found in association with those extrect regules, the resent discovery in Montana of a discosair next containing egg fragments and a number of baby discosairs and a number of baby discosairs and a first of the discosairs are the discosairs and a first of the discosairs are the discosairs and a first of the discosairs and dis is the first of its kind to be recorded.

The dinosaur nest was found by Dr. J. R. Horner of Princeton University and Dr. R. Magela of Rudyard High School, Montana, in a group of rocks known as I wo Medicine Formation to a sediment corresponding to the end of the corresponding to the end of the Cretaceous period, more than 70 million years ago. They found the skeletons of 11 one-metre long hatching dinosaurs jumpled together in a nest, an oval degression about two metres across. The skeletons were those of herbivor-methodecounted dinosaurs hating ous hadrosaurian dinosaurs, haviag ous hadrosauran amosaurs, naving characteristic duck-like beaks. Parts of four other skeletons of similar dinosaurs were found within two metres of the most.

skeletons suggest that they were immature, for instance, the sacral vertebrae are not fused, as would cormally be the case in the adult form; also, some bones had not been essified in compast, were on the teeth, of which badrosaurs often had thousands, indicates that

bly by the parents or at least the mother. If they did move from the nest some sort of supervision must have ensured that they returned Many other dinosaur bones-have been found in the Two Medi-

cine Formation, mostly within 100 kilometres of the find made by De Horner and Dr Magela. More than 80 per cent of the specimens seem to belong to individuals between a twentieth and half the length of their adult counterparts. They and their adult counterparts. That, and the abundance of eggshells, sug-gest that the formation may have been a dinosaur nesting site. Finally, there is still much debate over whether the dinosaurs were cold-blooded, as are the

OBITUARY PROFESSOR ROY MARKHAM

Major work on plant diseases

Kenneth Smith retired in . Immediately the new labo Professor Roy Markham. FRS, Director of the John Innes Institute, died on Novem-1960 and Markham became tory was complete he restar director of whot had become experimental work on the pithe Agricultural Research Councilem of the ultrastructure cil Viras Research Unit. About viruses. He developed a sim her 16. He was educated at St Paul's School and in 1935 he entered Christs College, Cam-bridge. He read Blochemistry for Part II of the Tripos and this time he set himself the and very effective opt task of developing techniques diffractometer for imformation on the molecular, complement this with improstructure of viruses provided by techniques for computer in the indetern migratoria. He stayed on to do research with N. W. Pirie in the Biochemistry Department. Pirie and F. C. Bawden had recently estabthe electron microscope. His first step was to devise a method and the appropriate apparatus for reducing the random noise which obscured fine detail. The method, based form required by the computation are photographic averaging rates. lished that tobacco mossaic virus and other plant viruses were nucleoproteins and Markham's task was the develop-ment of methods for analysing. on photographic averaging, gave greatly improved pictures, and is now referred to as the nucleic acids. During this is now referred to as the designed and built a sin Markham averaging tech machine which scans elecperiod the first sign of his technical ingenuity appeared with the invention of the nique ". By the middle 1960s the Agrithment the digital output on a documental Research Council and the transfer recorder. Mark I is Markham still, which remains the appararus of choice for the the Trustees and Council of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had coulded that the Institute would pletted the design of Mariana and the council of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had to pletted the design of Mariana and the council of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had to pletted the design of Mariana and the council of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had to pletted the design of Mariana and the council of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had to pletted the design of Mariana and the council of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had to pletted the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had to pletted the design of Mariana and the council of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had the design of the design of the loss in regular use and just be his final illness he had the pletted the design of the design o

micro-estimation of nitrogen by the Kieldahl method. In 1940 he became assistant benefit by associating with the University of East Anglia. To this end the trustees acquired to Kenneth Smith, the Director of the Plant Virus Research Station at Cambridge. His Station at Cambridge. His work with Kenneth Smith gave him a wide knowledge of plant viruses and first hand experience of plant virology in the field. This combined with his manual skills, his inventiveness and a liking for the physical aspects of biochemistry provided the foundation on which his deserved reputation as a plant virologist was built. In this context his work on the Turnip Yellows Virus was particularly noteworthy.

In 1948 he introduced land at Colney adjacent to the university. Sir Gordon Cox, at thata time secretary of the Agricultural Research Council. then set about persuading Markham to become the Director of the Institute The task of persuasion was not easy and the decision was difficult. It meant leaving Cambridge; it meant spending time on planning the new Institute; it meant welding together the

it meant welding together the staff of the Bayfordbury laboratory with that of the Virus Unit, which he insisted should accompany him; it also meant establishing a happy relationship with the University. For someone who disliked administration has been referred to in 1949 he introduced methods for the analysis of the bases of nucleic acids—the key bases of nucleic acids—the key was the ingenious use of reflex copying paper for the detection of the bases on the chromatograms. Together with J. D. Smith he provided essential data on the composition of both DNA and RNA and he was thus in at the birth of molecular biology. tration—he always referred to the Agricultural Research Council as hindquarters " and who loved working with his hands at the beach, the

MR FRANK ROBERTS

Mr. Frank Roberts, for many Printing House Square to the ears a valued member of the Old Bailey with his actebook, ditorial staff of The Times returning at lunchtime with years a valued member of the editorial staff of The Times and News Editor from 1965 to his normal day's work. 1968, died suddenly on November 19. He was 70.

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Sie had enormous sizming of the had enormous sizming and no day's news-gathering.

however gruelling or grievous, form a significant artistic nership, in May, 1926, who impose his own clear sense of order on any area of muddle por doubt (except odly, his own desk). The son of Armur Thomas Roberts, Frank Cecil Roberts was born at Gillingham, Kent, on January 2, 1909, and educated at the Mathematical School, Rochester.

He went into journalism in 1928 as a holder of that rare qualification, the University of London Diploma for Journalism, which he gained with dis-tinction at the end of a course under F. J. Mansfield, of The Times, and academic tutors like Harold Laski, Philip Noel-Baker, A. D. (Lord) McNair and Eileen Power, the his-torian. In spite of having taken torian. In spite of having taken the course with a Newspaper Society scholarship he soon found that a university career was in those days best left anmentioned when applying for a newspaper job:

As a schoolboy in the Medway Towns he had bad the run of the Chatham News office, and on leaving his London inter-collegiate course he became a reporter, hocksy

became a reporter, hockey correspondent, and part-time sub-editor on the Express and 1935, reporter and later hockey correspondent as well, on the Birmingham Post.

In 1940 he left the motorised special police in Birmingham for the RAF, rose to be a sergeant in redar and later a squadron-leader in Bomber Command intelligence, and wrote an analytical report on losses and enemy defences for severy day and night handlesses. losses and enemy defences for every day and night homber raid during the last 15 months of the war in Europe. He then produced part of the secret narrative of Bomber Command war history which became material for the "official histories of the Command. Roberts joined the Parliamentary staff of The Times in 1947, and after a year in the House moved into the House News Room, where he was to remain for the next 20 years. There he quickly became the anchor man on whom everyone, particularly the News Editor, depended.

depended.
His judgment of news was immediate, based on deep experience, and his authority was such that any prima doma. among the reporters did as he was bidden without trying to know better. He was unflappable and he had an appetite like a horse for work. During one change of incumbent in the news room it. was realized that the Blake spy a few principal roles like Don-trial was due to begin at the Alhambra in The Gondoliers.

Old Bailey that morning and no Be leaves a widow, Elsie, and one was available to cover it. a daughter by a previous mar-

roung news room messengers who wanted to get into journalism, and regarded the passing on of knowledge as the most rewarding obligation a man could have.

Although after many years as Depute he have more wars as Deputy he became News Editor himself in 1965, it was not a post he had sought since he felt he was most usefully (and happily) employed as a number two. He nevertheless piloted the News Room safely through a difficult period, and then in 1968 began a second career at his own request as Local

his own request as Local Government Correspondent, Government Correspondent, where his unrivaded knowledge quickly gained the awed respect of even the experts in this field. He retired officially in 1973, but idleness and inactivity were anothems to him; he liked to be used and be useful—in a be used and be useful—in a phrase Lord Reith once used fully stretched, and in 1972 began what was to prove a warm satisfying association with The Times Obituary Department, where he was greatly liked, helping out when needed and compling with great success the first and subsequent volumes of Obituaries from The Times to whose production he save hours of patient work. In gave hours of patient work. In never really retired" had the

been closely associated with the assembling and lay-out of The Times three-part obsusties supplement which is being published currently Indeed, he had been puring the finishing touches to one of these parts on the day he died. For half his time with the paper he was general secretary or production secretary of The Times Musical and Dramanic Society, a spare-time job that brought him many friends in other departments of PHS, as well as much choose work and well as much chorus work and

Mrs Rachel Yanait Ben-Zvi,

widow of Israel's second Presi-

dent Ynzhak Ben Zvi, and a

to Palestine in 1908.

Frank promptly ran from riage. HERR FRIEDRICH TORBERG

(1942); and The Return of the Golem (1968). His most recent. Süsskind von Trimberg (1972), symbolizing the end of the Herr Friedrich Torberg, the Austrian author, has died in his native Vienne, aged 71. Tor-berg, born in 1908 as Kantor-Jewish German spiritual world, had a fictional medieval minstrel of the Jewish faith for hero. He translated Maugham, Berg, was the youngest scion of the Austro-Jewish literary tradi-tion of Schnitzler, Polgar, Kraus, Zweig Kafka, Brod, Friedell, and Werfel. A champion swimmer in his Kishon, and Capell, and wrote incisive drams criticism from 1951 onwards which together with his collected essays and articles displays a mordant wit youth, Torberg spent some years in Prague before leaving in 1938, ahead of the invading Nazi troops, for Switzerland and France, where he joined and a penchant for satire. In 1954 he founded the antithe Czech Legion. After the fall of France he escaped, via Spain and Portugal, to the United States, but came home as a State Department official in 1951. communist review Forum, which he edited for 10 years, though not without letting a Marxist like György Lukacs have his occasional say therein.

have his occasional say therein.

An uncompromising polemicist,
his first student novel, Der as in his unrepentant hostility
chuler Gerber hat absoluter to Brecht, he was none the less
1930) won him world fame a champion of freedom of
nd comparisons with Musil, expression and good sense. His
after novels included the sport
age novel The Team (1935); his two collections of humorous
tevenge is Mine, a study of a printer (1975, 1973) "For Schüler Gerber hat absolviert (1930) won him world fame and comparisons with Musik Later novels included the sporting novel The Team (1935); writings (1975, 1978) "For laughter is the badge of all our Revenge is Mine, a study of a Jewish concentration camp victim, written in exile

Mr Henry Clifford Care, CB, Director of Finance at the War Office from 1945 to 1954, died on November 11 at the age of

Mr Harold Maxwell Watson, CBE, former Auditor General of the Federation of Malays, died on November 9 at the age of 71,

ance was a great success
two lost touch. His greatest strength was probably his detailed knowledge of Parliamentary and local government on which genera-tions of Times specialists have Eight years later, Poule called long afterwards, he Faure and Debussy being s to see the performer. I Bernac, and the two were liberally drawn. He was kiso endlessly parient in helping

form required by the compu During the last three year:

a rich and productive life

microscope images and rec-

Markham was elected to Fellowship of the Royal Social 1956 at the early age of He was made a Fellow Christs College in 1965. He

an Honorary Member of American Society of Biolo

Chemists and he was an Ho ary Citizen of the State Texas, an appointment we gave him both pleasure amusement.

He was a cheerful man

a marvellous sense of hun

His hobbies were his v gardening and cooking. A

all he set himself the his

standards and those who not reach these standards

not remain long in ignoran-their shortcomings. He w man of considerable taste

style, as is apparent to an who visits the Institute or has had the privilege of ing his house and eating the control of the c

He married, in

M PIERRE BERNA

M Pietre Bernac, the c guished French buritone teacher, died at the end o month. He was 80.

He was born in Paris on usry 12, 1899, and is the polynomial to have studied in his city. He first

Margaret Mullen.

on good terms. The first bizaire circumstances at burg at the paiaties home rich American woman, i open air. Their official was in Paris in April, the programms of wiled. the programme of melodi cluding the first performed Poulenc's Cinq Poems Paul Eluard. Their parine which included the perform of lieder as well as mel continued until Bernac de to retire in 1959, after with belped and advised severs erations of singers, not o classes, some of them he London. As a teacher, be at once kindly and stric

parting his own fastidiou: dards to his students. Bernac's greatness as an preter stemmed from hi-and understanding of bot and music, and the heigi expression which the gives the former. His voic what is termed in France baryon-martin, being he powards a tenor, withou higher voice's extended lis soft timbre and fine-gr texture were perfectly sui Poulenc's songs, many of Pottleners sough, many or were written specificall Bernac, and their reciu these and a wide range of these and a wide range of ertory are cherished in memory of all those who them together. Many of interpretations are happi

shrined on records. Another, legacy left be singer are two books inc sable to his successors; Interpretation of French (1970) and Francis Poulen Man and his Songs (197)

MR PHILIP GARSTON-JONE

Mr Philip Garston-Jonel was widely known to listeners as Jack Woolley BBC radio serial. The Ardied yesterday at the age For many years before it the programme he had it radio producer with the I the Midlands and was risible for many well programmes such as Wc Playtime and Music Ha 1953 he turned freelance and joined The Archers it He quickly set his stamp role and very soon the rowner of Grey Gables, thing of a bully but not was consciousness of the vibility of his dignity as a lectizen of Ambridge, but integral to the success serial.

Philip Garston-Jones unmerried.

SIR HAROLD ROBINSON Sir Harold Robinson, w a Member of the Trinida Tobago Senate from 19 1976, died on November the age of 74. Educated at ing, Stowe and Magdeler lege, Cambridge, he join staff of Usine St Mac Sugare Estate Ltd, in Tr

and was managing directo 1944 to 1961. He was President of the cultural Society of Trinid Tobago and of the British bean Citrus Association. I knighted in 1955. He married in 1929, (

in 1927. He subsequently

Woodford Lodge Estate

leading figure in the Israeli labour movement, has died in israel She was 93. She was Graeme (née Yearwood). born in Russia and emigrated had two sons and three



The President of the French Republic visited The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh and re-

Rupert Nevill was in

CLARENCE HOUSE CLARENCE HOUSE
November 20: Queen Elizabeth
The Queen Mother this morning
opened the Polka Children's
Theatre in Wimbledon,
The Lady Elizabeth Basset and
Captain Alastair Aird were in
strendings

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 20: Princess Alice,
Duchess of Gloucester, President,
Royal Academy of Music, attended
a performance of Verdi's Falstaff

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 20: The Duke of Kent,
as Colonel-in-Chief, today received
Lieutemant-Colonel John Wilsey on
assuming command of the lat
Battasion The Devonshire and
Dorset Regiment.
The Duke and Duchess of Kent
this exercise attended the Reval

A memorial service for Admirat of the Fleet the Earl Mountbacten of Burms, Doreen, Lady Brabourde and the Hon Nicholas Knatchbuil will be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Thursday, December 20, at 11.30 am. Applications for tickets should be sent to the Private Secretary. The Chapter House, St Paul's Chartnyard, London ECAM SAD, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope.

Mr John Boulting and Mr Roy Boulting, 66; Mr John Fernald, 74; Dr Michael Grant, 65; Air Chief Marshai Sir Theodore McEvoy, 75; Brigadier Lord Stratheden and Campbell, 80; Earl Waldegrave, 74; Mr Malcolm Williamson, 48; Viscount Younger of Leckie, 73.

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Two American evologists have nests or young diagsaurs in the recently found evidence to sub-stantiate the idea that disosaurs believe that disosaurs built their news on high ground; erosion would have removed the remains of most nests and posting sites. The nest discovered in Montana the open of a mound about 1.5 metres high. Remains of irrende hadrosaurs nearly twice the length of the hatchlings were found several hundred metres away, with more egg fragments. Several features of the hatchling

otten had thousands, indicates that the hatchings had been capable of feeding for some time.

The arrongement of the nest and the sketcoms of the young in and around it suggest that hadrosaurs exerted some degree of parental cire. The young were evidently well able to feed, and it they were

were com-proced, as are the present-day reptiles, or warm-blooded like birds and mammals. Parental care, in living animals at least, is a behavioural trait of warm-blooded animals. The new discourar find will add to that debate. Source: Nature, November 15 (282, 296; 1979) O Nature-Times News Service, 1979

Employers' consent to holding union meetings may be implied

Marley Tile Co Ltd v Shaw iefore Lord Justice Stephenson, ord Justice Coff and Lord Jus-ice Eveletigh Judgments delivered Nov 121

An employer's consent to an moloyee taking part in trade mon activities at: an "approriate time" during working hours o as to be within the meaning paragraph 6(4A) of Schedule 1.

riate time" during working hours of as to be within the meaning it paragraph 6(4A) of Schedule I to the Irade Union and Labour telations Act, 1974, may be impliced as well as expressed.

The Court of Appeal held that shop steward not accepted by tanagement. Could not be rearded, in the absence of a genical attacking hours, not could consent to call a meeting uplied consent to call a meeting uplied consent to call a meeting uplied consent to call a meeting in working hours, not could consent to implied from the employers' silence when he indicated is intention to summon the ending its intention to summon an electing.

Their Lordships, allowing an ppeal by the employers, Marley ile Co Ltd, from a majority of the Employment Appeal Tribunal Mr Justice Phillips and Mr T. H. Loff, Mr M. L. Clement-Jones disenting (The Times, April 27, 1978; [1978] ICR 828) found that it Pener Shaw, maintenance endineer at the company's works at lewsbury, had not been unfairly ismissed, and rejected his claim lat he had been taking part at a "appropriate time" in trade union.

The Court of Appeal held that the meeting with his employers to discuss pay differentials. At the meeting with his employers informed in the employers is slence when he indicated is intention to summon the employers. Finally, a one-hour unofficial stoppage took place and Mr Shaw was dismissed.

Leeds, Mr Shaw then expressed and rejected his claim at the had been taking part at a "appropriate time" in trade union.

The activities within the meaning of paragraph 6(4) provides: "he regarded as any appropriate time in the employers that he regarded as a meeting with his employers. At the meeting with his employers informed a meeting with his employers to discuss pay differentials. At the meeting with his employers: At the meeting with his employers informed a meeting with his employers informed a meeting with his employers informed a meeting with his employers. At the meeting with his employers informed a meeting with his employers informed a meeting with his employ

nt trade union.

Paragraph 6(AA) provides:

"appropriate time"

"appropriate time"

"appropriate time of the paragraph is employer, it is persisted for him to take part in hose activities.

"Sub-aragraph (4A) was added by aragraph 11 of Part III of chedule 16 to the Employment rotection Act, 1975.

could be implied from the general relationship of management and union in a factory, but disagreeing that consent could be implied from silence.

The court's task had been made difficult because of the industrial tribunal's frequent allusions to the relative merits of the parales' conduct. The question of reasonablewess did not arise. The tribunal had erred in using a "broad brush approach" and had falled to answer the vital question

Paragraph 6(6) provides: "Any reason by virtue of which a dismissal is to be regarded as unfair in consequence of sub-paragraph of what was the reason for the dismissal. It was therefore open to the court to find that the reason was calling the men to the meeting and making the relephone call. The court would assume that such action amounted to participation in union activities. (4) above is an inadmissible reason. Mr Alexander Irvine, QC, and Mr Eldred Tabachnik for the employers; Mr Christopher Rose, QC, and Mr John Hand for Mr Shaw. The telephone call could be dealt with by applying the principle de minimis non curat lex,

but the calling of the meeting could not as it involved taking the men awy from their work. That activity, ulting place within working hours, was only at an "appropriate time" if the amployers' consent had been obtained. Mr lrvine had argued that the words "arrangements" and "consent" in paragraph 6(4A) meant express

It was not necessary to decide whether an arrangement could be implied. The issue was consent.

His Lordship, adopting Mr Clement-Jones's words, said that such implied consent could not be "reasonably assumed to exist either by extension from other factories in the Mariey group, or by having regard to custom and practice at their Dewsbury plant" since the union had not nominated

Admiralty practice in limitation actions

By section 504 "Where any ability is alleged to have been curred by the owner of a lip and several chains are ade or apprehended in respect that liability the owner my apply to the High Court and that court may determine amount of the owners' liability."

efore Lord Denning, Master of Mr A. J. S. Glennie for the defen- where several claims were made as Rolls, Lord Justice Brandon dants; Mr. M. N. Boward for the or apprehended. The action had

Judgments delivered Nov 16]

The plaintiff owners of the cuelope II were held not to be recluded from claiming, that their ability to the defendant cargo occivers, which had already been etermined in arbitration proceedings, was limited by section for the defendant of the defendant of the matter and the defendant of the Marchant Shipping Act, 1974, by reason only of the fact at the defendant of the defendant of

LORD JUSTICE BRANDON said

Mr A. G. S. Pollock, QC, and was procedural and only applied

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No discrimination against woman wrestler

A woman professional wrestler who was refused employment by a promotions company because of a provision in a Greater London Council licence prohibling women's wrestling was not unlawfully discriminated against because of her sex. The Employment Appeal Tribunal accepted the GLC's defence under section 51(1) (b) of the Sex Discrimination (b) of the Sex Discrimination Act, 1975, that the discrimination was necessary in order to comply with the licente, an instrument made under a previous statute—the London Government Act, 1962.

The American Technique, allowed and the control of t the Loudon Government Act, 1963.

The Appeal Tribunal allowed an appeal by the GLC from a decision of a Loudon industrial tribunal that the applicant. Mrs Marjorit Fartar, was entitled to a declaration that the refusal to permit her to wrestle in a GLC controlled hall was unlawful discrimination on the ground of her sex and contrary to the provisions of the Sex Discrimination Act.

Section 51 provides: "(1)

ing of this Act) by or under an Act passed before this Act." Mr Gerald Angel for the GLC; Mr Francis Reynold for the appli-

MR JUSTICE SLYNN said that the applicant bad asked Verdun Leslie Promotions for an engagement as a professional wrestler. They refused, saying that the wrestling licence assued by the GLC governing wrestling at Manor Place Baths, Southwark, had a condition prohibiting women from taking part. The applicant applied to an industrial tribunal for a declaration that the GLC had discriminated against her on the ground of her sex.

There was no question of the GLC itself refusing employment, but the tribunal held that it had knowingly aided another person to do an unlawful act and should be treated as itself doing the unlawful act within the meaning of section 42(1) of the Act.

The London Government Act. MR JUSTICE SLYNN said that

sidered whether the condition was lawful. It found that although before the Sex Discrimination Act such a condition was lawful, after the Act it was not.

The GLC relied on section 51(1)(b). It conceded that the policy was discriminatory but policy was discriminatory but argued that it was not unlawful. For the applicant Mr Reynold accepted that a licence under the London Government Act was an

London Government Act was an instrument made or approved under an Act of Parliament within the meaning of section 51(1)(b), but he contended that a licence made after the Sex Discrimination Act. 1975, was void.

The Appeal Tribunal took the view that the question was whether what was done by the instrument came within the powers given by the Act under which it was made. The licence was granted under

had to be removed.

Alt: Reynold had cited Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd v Wednesbury Corporation (1948) 1 KB 2231. But it was clear that the GLC had properly considered the effect of the 1975 Act on its policy of restricting wrestling liceaces. It was not possible to say that it had exercised its discretion unreasonably.

The industrial tribunal was

The industrial tribunal was wrong to hold that before a condition could be included in a licence it should not be contrary to the 1975 Acr. Section 51(1)(b) expressly kept alive a pre-vious instrument. If Parliament had intended that all instruments made after the 1973 Act should comply with the Act, it would have said so. If that was correct and the heence validated the company's refusal of employment there could be no question of the GLC knowingly aiding another

Greater London Council v Nothing in parts II to IV shall render unlawful any act done by premises used for wrestling. The local requirement at a disadvantage to a man. The local requirement are disadvantage to a man. The local requir where a woman's physique put her at a disadvantage to a man. The Court of Appeal had considered the section in Beanett r Football Association Ltd tunreported. July 28, 1978). a case concerning a 12-year-old girl who wanted to play football in a mixed team. Lord Denning stated that football was a game outside the Sex Discrimination Act.

The Appeal Tribunal agreed

Discrimination Act.

The Appeal Tributal agreed that where it was desired to exclude a girl from a mixed team, section 44 prevented the exclusion from heing unlawful discrimination. But the section was not dealing with a situation where a team of girls played against another team of girls. The Court of Appeal's decision applied only to the facts of the case before it and Mr Reynold succeeded on that point.

point. The words of section 51(1)(b) expressly contemplated that provision might be made under provision might be made under instruments even after the passing of the 1973 Act which prevented from being unlawful acts otherwise unlawful under Part II.

The appeal was allowed and leave to appeal granted.

Solictiors: Mr R. A. Lanham; Bindman & Partners.

Court of Appeal

implied. The issue was consent, to wrestle in a GLC controlled in a proper case consent could be implied; it did not necessarily have to be express. But consent could not be deduced from silence. Whr. Clement-Jones was right when said: "Unless there is a general agreement or arrangement which covered it, the shop steward unaccredized by the management at the relevant time cannot be taken to have implied permission to call such a meeting in working bours." In a proper case consent could be implied; it did not necessarily have contained on the ground of her sex and the ground of her sex and contravy to the provisions of the said: "Unless there is a general agreement or arrangement which covered it, the shop steward unaccredized by the management at the relevant time cannot be taken to have implied. DISMISSAI OF headmaster is restant to the first and should be tributed and the meaning of section and the meaning of section and the first which the meaning of section and the first which is the first and should be tributed and the first and should be tributed as itself doing the unlawful act. The industrial act is not include such terms as it thought right. The question was whether the instrument was intra vires the sidered the effect of section 44. Solicitors: The London Government Act, The London Government Act, The London Government Act, The london are tributed and should be tributed and the first and should be the discrimination on the ground of her sex and contravy to the provisions of the act within the meaning of section and the first which is the first of the first of the first of the first which is the meaning of section and the first which is the meaning of section and the first which is the first of the first which is the first which is the first of the first which is the first of

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Section 17(3) of the Kducation Act. 1944. provides. [Judgments delivered October 31]

of management made by an order of the local education authority By section 24(2) of the Act
the rules of management
(a) shall make provision
for enabling the authority, except
for reasons for which the
managers
are expressly empowered by this Act to dismiss
teachers without such consent to
prohibly the dismissal of teachers
without the consent of the
authority

Mr Alec Grant for Mr lones: Mr Alec Great for Mr Jones; Mr Jon Harvey, QC, and Mr Andrew Thompson for the man-

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Jones, a married man, had been appointed head teacher of the school in 1975 on the usual conditions of tenure. It was a small school of 134 children aged between five and aleven. After a divorce, Mr Jones had remarried at a register office in December, 1978, a woman who had been a teacher at the school.

On March 16, 1979, the managers suspended Mr Jones from his duties and decided to inform the Roman Catholic bishop and ask him to appoint a tribunal. The bishop did so. After a hearing at which counsel appeared for and against Mr Jones, the

other body.
Was Mr Jones entitled not to be dismissed without the consent of the county countil?
The school was voluntary sided.

tribunal reported on June 20 that they were of the unanimous opinion that he should be discussed from his post. On July 9 the managers summarily dismissed him and the county council stopped paying his salary.

Mr Jones challenged the desiston. He said that he could not be dismissed without the consent of the county council.

On July 28 he issued a writt claiming an injunction.

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It seemed to his Lordship that the managers had erred when they had referred the matter to the bishop and accepted his tribunal's report. The managers were the parties to the contract and the proper people to exercise power of dismissal. They should have recognized their own responsibilities for the decision and not surrendered them to any other body.

have contained such provisions favourable to Mr Jones.

Any head teacher reading the contract would be led to believe that the conditions applied to him, it was within the general principle that a person who made a representation which he intended another person to act upon could not go back ou it where the representation had been acted upon and was intended to be binding.

An injunction should be granted as in Smith v Macnally ([1912] 1 Ch 816).

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL,

I Ch 816).

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, agreeing, said that the county council had put the conditions of tenure forward as agents for the managers and the document must be construed against the latter. The problem had arisen because of the county council's failure to perform its duty under section 17 (3) to provide rules of management. The decision whether to dismiss rested with the managers, yet they had put them. was right.

The rules of management were said to be incorporated in the conditions. But there were no rules. Rules of management ought to have been made by the county council in accordance with section 17 (3) of the Education Act, 1944. None had been made by the county council in accordance with section if (3) of the Education Act, 1944. None had been made by the county council is accordance with section if (3) to provide rules of management should have been made containing provisions as to dismissal: see section 24 (2) (a) of the Act. A White Paper (Cmd 5523 of 1944) contained model provisions providing a series of protections. In the absence of rules of management the court ahould assume that they would



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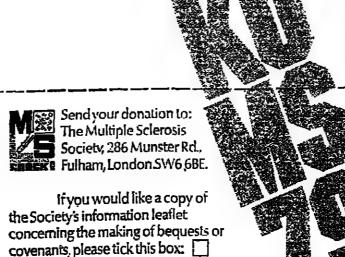
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Ir Holland sald that all kers kept long lists of lerwriters who they were not pared to place business 2, but sometimes they could be sure who the ultimate lerwriters might be when issurance chains involved by parties. 1y parties, ancial Editor, page 21.

pper moves up

opper prices moved higher the London Metal Exchange erday on news from Lusaka President Kuanda had ed up Zambian reservists to a what he called a full-scale

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ritish Leyland's Crawler tor interests at the Aveling shall factory at Gains-ough have been sold to Mr. ries Nickerson, a Lincolne farmer, for an undisclosed.
Mr. Nickerson plans to aloy 50 to 100 workers and hopes to revive production industrial tractors. The alnder of the Gainsborough it is being sold separately BL.

ncession to China

apan is likely to inform to during the visit of Mr ayoshi Ohira, the Prime ister, next month that it give preferential tariff tment on imported Chinese incre. lucts, officials of the istry of International Trade Industry has announced.

fence ships order

he Ministry of Defence is tinuing to provide orders British Shipbuilders whose is need more work to secure loyment. Cleland's, one of corporation's subsidiaries, o build two 250-ton lighters the Defence Ministry in a trace worth £1.8m.

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problems of the engineering profession and of manufacturing industry has been completed and signed without dissension by the 18-member investigating committee, Sir Monty Finniston has announced. It is expected to be published early next year.

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Societies certain to fix mortgage rate at record 15pc tomorrow

A record mortgage interest rate of 15 per cent from the beginning of 1980 is the almost certain outcome of tomorrow's emergency meeting of the Building Societies Association called in response to the Chan-cellor's credit squeeze measures announced last week.

By Margaret Stone

announced last week.

Hopes that the mortgage interest rate, now 10.75 per cent and officially due to rise to 12.5 per cent in January, could be contained at 14 per cem have faltered after more detailed consideration of the economic package which included generous terms for National Savings.

is equivalent to 15 per cent gross. This level is being offered on bank deposits including from January 1, the National Savings Bank. The hawks will be arguing for a To match this level of in-

To match this level of interest the societies, which exhausted their slack for generous gestures when they delayed implementing the morrgage rate increase in July, will be obliged to push up the mortgage interest rate to 15 per cent.

Putative approval for this

faitered after more detailed consideration of the economic package which included generous tarms for National Savings.

The improved interest rates for both the new issue of National Savings Certificates and the investment account of the National Savings Bank will not take effect until next year. It is this indication that the Government itself believes that interest rates will remain high for a good proportion of 1980 which has finally convinced the building societies that they must keep in line.

To remain competitive and secure sufficient mortgage interest rate were spelt our yesterday by Mr Christopher Johnson, economic adviser to Lloyds Bank Writing in the bank's economic builtein, he said the increase in house prices was likely to slow down next year and added: "some houses may fall in price for a short time."

OFT calls for more facts on Narby deal

By Peter Wainwright

Eurocemedian Shipholdings, the akipping group led by Mr Frank Narby, claims that it has Simily divested itself of the 18.4 per cent stake in Furness Withy, the shipping line, as it promised the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in Decem-ber, 1976.

The claim however may be premature... Last night the Office of Fair Trading said that it was seeking further informa-tion-"to determine whether the proposed arrangements meet the terms of the under-taking

Eurocanadian is in no doubt that it has complied, and the group took legal advice to settle the point to its own satisfac-tion. But the OFT is thought to believe that Eurocanadian has not acted exactly in the way the Commission thought it

The shipping group, which had until the end of this year to comply with the undertaking, has transferred its holding to shareholders or affiliates.

Dolphin Investments, controlled by Mr Frank Narby and his family interests, has scake down to 18.4 per cent a stake down to 18

Railways and is the third direc-tor of Eurocanagian.

Possibly to make estrangements more paintable to the OFT, Mr Narby plans to resign as chief executive from January 1 next, end to return to England. He has spent several years in Canada

Furness Withly is thought to suspect that the change in strangements is more apparent than real. Mr Paul Bristol of KCA Drilling, a one time ally of Mr Marby in trying to bring new blood into the Furness boardroom, is still "desperately interested in the situation."

KCA still has about 3.5 per cess of Furness Withy. Another shareholder, with 5 per cent is Euroferries, which it bought Euroterries, which it bought two years ago from Eurocana-dian. It once suggested a mer-ger with Furness but was re-buffed. In terms of market capitalization, Euroterries now has a marked advantage over Furness, thanks to the shipping

Underlying level suggests unemployment figures on the brink of a sharp increase

The underlying level of unemployment rose slightly this month, while the number of job vacascies dropped. This suggests a turning point for unemployment, which is expected to rise sharply next

A total of 1,222,400 adults were out of work (excluding Northern Ireland) on November 8. This represents 5.2 per cent of the work force, the cent of the work force, the same proportion as were jobless in October. A sharp fall in the number of unemployed school leavers this month led to a drop of 10,543 in the overall number of people registered as unemployed. For the United Kingdom as a whole, a bigger drop brought the unadjusted total to its lowest November figure for four years. The negligible November rise in the underlying level of unemployment came on top of a much bigger rise in October of 17,500. In

percentage terms adult unem-ployment is now back at the levels of June and July after dipping briefly to 5.1 per cent during the late summer. In the regions, there are wide disparities. This month, the job-less totals fell in the South East, South West and the North

West and rose elsewhere.
The Government and private forecasters agree that the jobless total is bound to rise next less total is bound to rise next year as output drops. However officials believe that the latest figures do not provide convincing evidence that unemployment has already started to climb. They would regard a couple of months of recorded rises of about 20,000 in the underlying level of unemployment as firm evidence that the turning point had been passed. A fall in the number of job vacancies gives a guide to the strength of demand in the labour market, Jobs notified to employment offices—which are believed to account for about UNEMPLOYMENT SH GB ADJET WEATHER

a third of total vacancies—have a third of total varancies—nave fallen steadily on a seasonally-adjusted basis since mid-summer. This month they dropped to 233.100 from 236,200 in October. There was also a fall in the number of varancies reported by careers offices.

It is clear from these figures that the economy is beginning to slow down, although this may have happened a little

Hon James

cent claim, despite the in- work."

dustry's heavy losses.

Mr William Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, said last night: "The Corporation are moaning about a lack of cash.

But if the miners can see 20

Italy's government tonight admixted that the state oil cor-poration ENI paid a 7 per cent

commission to a Paname finance

company on a deal concluded with Petromin for 91,250,000 barrels of additional crude oil from South America over the

next three years.
Signor Adolfo Sarri, minister

for relations with Parliament, told the Chamber of Deputies that the foreign trade ministry

authorized the payment of the commission to the Sophilau company of Panama on be-half of intermediaries. He did

not identify the intermediaries, beyond saying "Sophilau has no shareholding link, direct or in-direct, with ENI".

The minister was replying to 29 questions tabled by members of different parties, asking for confirmation of Italian press reports that an unduly high commission had been promised,

sive wage deals.

Mr James Prior yesterday: big risks in pressing for exces-

Italy paid 7 pc commission

private bank.

Signor Sarti tonight said the services of intermediaries were

a "habit and frequent prac-tice" in international trans-

actions of this kind. He traced the course of the attempts made by ENI during this year to face the world oil crisis by seeking additional supplies.

seeking additional supplies. ENI succeeded in obtaining

Saudi agreement to send the extra supplies in Riyadh on June 2 the minister said, but

the contract was not operative as Petromin's signature was lacking. After a "period of intense contacts" Petromin

agreed to make the contract operational from July 8 and the Italians agreed to pay a 7 per cent commission.

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pected. The evidence from re-cent buoyant money figures is that consumer demand has been growing strongly, helped by tax rebates from the June Budget. Mr John Biffen, Chief Secre-tary to the Treasury, announced earlier this mouth that the Govearner this month that the Coverence was assuming a figure of 1,650,000 adults out of work on average in the year 1980-81 for its public spending plans. This represents a rise of more than 20 per cent from the average level assumed for the current financial was The current financial year. The present Government appears much more willing than previous administrations to accept high levels of unemployment,

if this is the price necessary to bring down the rate of inflation. The Government's special job creation measures are thought to be keeping about 236,000 people off the unemploy ment register at present. This number will probably fall in the coming months as some schemes are phased out.

Hopes run high for Gatt talks agreement From Peter Norman Brussels, Nov 20

Hopes were running high this evening that EEC ministers had paved the way for ratifica-tion of the Tokyo Round of trade liberalization measures due to come into effect at the beginning of next year.

By the late evening sources close to the Council of Minis-ter's meeting were speaking of a breakthrough in the dispute that had last month prevented the Nine from approving the multinational trade agreement negotiated in the context of the general Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GAIT). On one important issue the French appear to have softened their original position of demanding that member states and not just the European Community should sign the codes agreed under the new GATT package.

The Ministers were at the time of going to press in restricted session in a bid to tie up loose ends of the GATT

came after it had seemed that EEC ministers would once again fail to give their political again fail to live complex multi-national trade agreement that took some six years to nego-tiate before being initialled in

The deadline of December 31 is important as United States congressional approval of the fication by major trading partners by this cime. Without EEC ratification three key codes could have to be resubmitted to Congress a more that could Congress—a move that could provoke the United States legislature to tack on a host of bostile amendments in view of the somewhat strained relations prevailing between the EEC and America. One of these bones of con-

tention is due to come before the ministers' meeting later tonight. It concerns the sharp rise in imports of low-cost man-made fibres from the United States into EEC markets, and particularly Britain.

work."

At the FT conference, the TUC delivered their warning to employers that they will push for any employment protection rights taken away by the Government to be restored through collective bargaining.

Mr Ken Graham, assistant general secretary of the TUC, said: "If the Government's proposals are enacted, they will EEC and American trade negotiators meeting in Washington yesterday and today were reported to have made bittle progress on the issue.

Observers close to today's Ministerial meeting were forecasting that it might authorize the EEC commission to take up negotiations with the United States authorities under Article 23 of the GATT treaty.

Other industriel items due to come before the ministers tonight are proposals from the EEC Industry Commissioner, Viscount Ecienne d'Avignon, for an extension of the EEC's anti-crisis plan for steal in 1980, and a plan to subsidize the scrapping of old and the building of new merchant ships.

amounting to about \$120m. Some reports maintained that the commission was being split 3 per cent to Saudi recipients and 4 per cent to Italian interests through a Geneva Milford Docks plans

rights issue Milford Docks Company is to raise further capital through a rights issue, the board said yesterday.

The terms will be announced after a revaluation of the com-pacy's assets to be carried out on December 31. The money will be used for long-term development plans.

Last week the company's employees wrote to share-holders asking for their support in a boardroom battle. They are concerned about the prospect of a group of minority share-holders with a 27 per cent stake which wants seats on the board. An EGM has already been requisitioned although a date has not yet been announced.

Prior warning to unions against use of 'industrial muscle' For the past few years our economy has been weakened by high unemployment and ravaged by high inflation. By Paul Routledge

On the eve of the critical miners' executive meeting, the Government yesterday served fresh warning to the unions against using industrial muscle to gain excessive wage settle-

to gain excessive wage settle-ments this winter.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, said,
"the days have gone" when powerful groups of workers could demand what they wanted in the knowledge that others would have to pay the hill.

Mr Prior resemphasized the Mr Prior re-emphasized the Cabiner's determination to avoid

a stantory incomes policy at a Financial Times conference on industrial relations in London. We don't stand a cat in helf's chance of making it work", he

"It is often said that there will always be those groups who can escape the full consequences of their own excessive

quences of their own excessive pay awards; that they can press for big pay increases with impunity; that the grim afterment of the use of their industrial muscle will be visited not on others.

"Let me say this to anyone foolish or selfish enough to think that they can push for as bows little sign of having that degree effect. Shell tanker on others.

"Let me say this to anyone the same road, and steelworkers foolish or selfish enough to think that they can push for as bows little sign of having morning about a lack of cash.

But if the miners can get 20 through collective bargaining.

Mr Ken Graham, assistant centainly go down the same froad, and steelworkers will in the same financial situation, thea steelworkers should get a can't expect people to work insist that the British Steel think that they can push for as proper reply to their 25 per standard of living. It just won't into a battleground. Government's message on pay

world recession. To press ahead with a big pay deal in these conditions is to run a very big risk that it will backfire, and not just on the weakest. Some people may think they could get away with it in the past. But I must tell them that those days have gone. "Example in industry must

"Everyone in industry must see to it that there are sensible discussions about ways to finance pay deals and how to

increase company performance."
These discussions would ensure

there was more money available to pay for wage rises in succeeding years. "There is simply no other way in today's sombre conditions", Mr Prior

His reiteration of the

BOC hopes new talks will end overtime ban

BOC expects negotiaions to resume soon on its offer of a

completely new deal for the 3,000 workers in its gases division taking industrial action.

The company, which has been in touch with the Transport and General Workers' Union, said last night that its proposal for a wage agreement lasting 12 months or more was libility to the company of the c likely to be considered soon by the national negotiating committee.

"Such talks would be accompanied by resumption of nor-

mal working." BOC added.
After only two days of an overtime ban and work to rule, the company's output was running at between 60 per cent and 80 per cent normal. The action was creating serious distribution problems tribution problems.

The union has rejected as "derisory" the company's offer for an eight-month agreement expiring in May which would give an average wage increase of £14.58 a week. BOC said its offer up to May

was final but was prepared to negotiate a long-term settle-

SA later said in Brussels that while the company had been asked not to use United States banks or their foreign subsidiaries to make oil payments to Iran, it has not so far been usked to switch payments out of dollars.

end 1971 value.

Much of the pound's lost ground was a result of the dollar's general recovery. Ster-ling was weakened by the news that Zambia was going onto a war footing.

The dollar's relative strength was thought by most dealers to be a reaction from the previous

day's fall rather than a sign that the currency was on the able to bad news from Iran.

Agamst the German Deutsche define oil prices.

Move to single bank union slips as Lloyds staff group end talks

Lloyds Bank Group Staff Association announced that it was withdrawing from talks between the staff associations at Barclays and National Westminster banks and the Banking Insurance and Finance Union

The talks, which have been taking place on and off for 18 months, have been chaired by Dr Tom Johnston, chairman of the Scottish Manpower Services Commission.

There was agreement between

tail could be set up. Bifu refused this demand.

could break out between Bifu
and ASTMS, bur said that in

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Iran advised to drop dollar for oil same time as a statement from mark it recovered from Opec sources in Vienna that DM1.7605 to DM1.764, and they had no intention of abandoning the dollar for oil pricing Swf1.6375 on Monday to or of switching their assets out Swf1.64425 last night.

There were further reports from Iran yesterday that the country was to stop accepting dollars in payment for oil. The official news agency said that the central bank of Iran had the central bank of Iran had recommended the ruling revolu-tionary council to stop the acceptance of dollars. However, it is not clear whether the council would agree to such a request, or when it would consider the recommendation.

The oil company Perrofina SA later said in Brussels that

The dollar was remarkably unscathed by the news from Iran. This was partly because

Sterling slipped back by 1.75 cents against the dollar to close at \$2.168. In tradeweighted, average terms it lost 0.2 points to close at 69.6 per cent of its

The dollar remains vulner-

The Iranian sources claimed that from now on the country would request German Deutsche marks, Swiss or French france

The key question for the dollar is whether Iran alone moves away from it, or whether other oil exporters follow suit. In a speech for delivery in West Germany released for publication in Brussels, Dr Guido Brunner, EEC Commissioner for Energy, said the dollar was for all countries the only viable currency of reference, and he appealed to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to make it clear it would continue to use the dollar to

Banks face union recruiting war

for the industry appeared to have foundered:

He has produced two reports tudes are right in the sense that

The spectre of a recruitment setting out the guidelines and we could go on talking for week war between two white collar principles involved in forming after week."

a new TUC-affiliated union, industry was raised last night and although the staff association of Technical Scientific when moves to form one union toos accepted the second report. Technical and Managerial Staffs for the industry angeline and although the scoond report. two months ago Bifu had reservations and wanted further in-

nore was agreement between on basic principles, but the the associations and the union associations were insisting that Bifu rejoined joint negotiating machinery before working parties to examine matters of detail could be see up Rifu.

Mr John Bealey, general secretary of the Lloyds staff association, said last night: "We want on staff body but we don't think the climate or attitudes are right in the cases that

has already made inroads into the banking field by taking over the staff body in Midland Bank. He has also been making over-

David Felton

Senate

restricts

committee

oil mergers

Legislation narrowly approved

by the Senate judiciary Committee in Washington will severely limit acquisitions by

the 16 largest oil companies. Voting nine to eight, the com-

mittee approved and sent to the Senate a Bill that would pre-

vent these companies making

acquisitions of companies have

acquisitions of companies haveing assets of \$100m (just over 547m) or more. The Bill is expected to be brought to the floor of the Senate some time

Japan's finance ministry plans to submit a supplemen-

tary national budget to Parliament towards the end of

December, mainly to reduce national bond flotations in fiscal 1979 by 1,000,000m yen to 14,270,000m yen (about £27,350m).

Belgium's electricity authority

Intercom will receive \$411m (about £195m) from the EEC

atomic energy authority Eura-tom to help finance an exten-

sion to an existing nuclear power station at Tihange in eastern Belgium. Euratom will also lend Euel, the Italian

electricity company, some \$245m to build a 2,000 mega-

watt nuclear plant at Moutalto

di Castro on the coast road north of Rome.

The Soviet state bank has

announced that it has lowered the value of the United States

dollar in relation to the rouble-Previously the rate was \$1.529

one rouble. The new rate will be \$1.546. The new rate for the pound will be 0.71 to the rouble, up from 0.724. The Deutsche mark will rise from 2.757 to the rouble to 2.73.

. France is said to be planning

France is said to be planning to raise the tax on the sale of gold and other precious metals, which is currently fixed at 4 per cent. The increase, which could be as high as 50 per cent, is likely to be included in the 1980 Budget Bill which is being debated in Parliament, sources said. If confirmed, the rise will take effect from pext

will take effect from next

Sales

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Home

Overseas

Overseas

Profit before taxation

Gold tax debate

New rate for rouble

EEC power loans

Tokyo Budget plan

then

Laser revolution on the way for supermarkets

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Nearly 600 executives in-volved in retailing packed a London conference yesterday to hear about the accelerating progress of electronic checkout scanning which by 1982 could bring the biggest changes in United Kingdom retailing since the introduction of self-service. They also heard about the problems it could produce-in-

problems it could produce to cluding a warning on jobs by Mr John Flood, deputy general secretary of the 250,000-strong Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers) (USDAW). In the United States the scanning revolution—low-intensity lasers at the checkout "read" bar codes printed on goods—has led to a sharp reduction in the number of jobs at supermarkets

using the system. Mr Flood said yesterday: "Claims are being made that there will be nothing like this loss of jobs here, but short-term there have to be worries on this score. In the period before the new system is fully integrated there could be an affect on jobs, and on the other hand we are not certain what new jobs may be created at the end of that period."

To tackle the problems USDAW is prepared to set up a national forum, representing all sectors of the industry, to find answers not only on wages but "sensible industrial relations" to ensure the increasing efficiency and wellbeing of retailing, Mr Flood went on.

USDAW, which is consulting with European unions on the mpact of the new technology in retailing, not only wants to see higher wages—checkout operators in the United States

Mr Donald Harris, a director of Tesco and chairman of the Article Number Association Article Number Association that organized yesterday's conference, said the period of dramatic change retailing was entering offered choices to retailers in passing on benefits to staff, to the customer and in profit terms to the shareholder.

The parameters are changing and we have to come to terms with that ", he said, adding that one possibility from scanning was a 10 per Cent speed-up of checkours that might save about 2 per cent on wage bills, which in turn represent about 7 per cent of total costs.

The industry is looking to electronic checkouts to improve stock control, thus reduc ing the cost of buffer stocks to yield extensive marketing information on new products and secure a cutback on "shrinkresulting from theft or what are known as "sweettransactions (when checkout operators reduce the

bill for those they know). A supermarket with 15 checkours would cost about £120,000 to equip with electronic checkout equipment—a capital cost which would show a return after two to three years.

Scanning trials, already started by Key Markets at Spalding, Lincolnshire, are to be begun early next year by Tesco and J. Sainsbury. Fine Fare will follow by the year-end provided, as is now expected, 70 per cent of goods by you are by they privated with volume are by then printed with bar codes by manufacturers. It is the Article Number Association which allocates these bur bout £5 an hour, com- codes to manufacturers, allow-with about £1.20 in ing goods to be identified and



Mr Donald Harris (left) and Mr John Flood (right)

priced by the computers fed by the laser scanners.

The Co-op aiready has elec-tronic checkouts operating in 28 stores among its various retailing societies, and one or two are expected to add the refine-ment of laser scanning next year. Mr Harris forecasts that the major multiples should by the end of next year be able to evaluate scanning and place orders for equipment, bringing the take-off point for the use

of the system in larger super-markets to 1982. stephen Gale, divisional director of data processing at Key
Markets, said that since his
company started scanning last
month one of the greatest difficulties had involved descriptions and weight of goods.

But Key Markets had found
the checkout operation faster
and the fully itemized receipts

which are a feature of the electronic systems had proved acceptable to ustomers. There had been anxieties amone all retailers before electronic checkours were tried out that the elimination of individual pricing on goods although shelves carry pricing and descriptions—might not prove acceptable to customers.

Mr Gale added that control

over cash operations was easier.

Mr Jeremy Grindle, a director of J. Sainsbury, felt it would be hard to justify investigations. Some of the problems that ment in laser scanning purely face the retail trade in adopting laser scanning emerged on grounds of checkout improvements. Even with about during the conference. Mr Stephen Gale, divisional director of data processing at Key would be only about as fast size. a good conventional British checkout, in itself much more efficient than those in the United States. would have to come from use of information from the electronic system, he added.

Contractors spell out fear over spending cuts

By John Huxley

Irreparable damage will be caused to the construction industry unless there is a change in Government policy on public expenditure, contractors have warned Mr Michael Heseltine. secretary of State for the Environment.

In a letter to the minister, the Federation of Associations of Specialists and Sub-contractors (FASS) says it is deeply concerned about the implica-tions of the latest Government White Paper on spending. Spending or construction at around £7,000m will be the same next year as this, according to the paper.

However, the federation points out that cuts in spend-ing on housing roads, schools, government office building and local environmental services could total as much as £500m. It says it has looked in vain for compensating increases in other capital work.

Mr John Huxtable, federation

director, fears that the eventual outcome could mean that actual spending in 1980-81 will

planned for early next year evidence of the Government's acceptance of the need to restore priority to construction work."

Meanwhile, provisional figures published by the Department of the Environment yesterday foreshadowed a further decline in construction output. New orders in the third quarter of this year were 9 per cent down on the second quarter and 8 per cent lower than in the corresponding period of 1978. At current prices, the total value of new orders in September was £818m.

The biggest quarterly fall was in public sector housing, where orders were more than a quarter down on the same period last year. On a similar basis, public works orders were down 15 per cent.

Sir Freddie slates BA

Sir Freddie Laker urged a top British Airways executive to "stop talking rubbish" during a discussion on fares at an Association of British Travel be lower than this year. He Agents convention in Los urges the minister to show in Angeles. BA was in favour of a more detailed White Paper restricting reforms.

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545,460

22,300

11,370

33,970

7,700

2,670

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Metal Box

Interim Statement

The unaudited trading figures for the half-years to 30th September, 1979 and 1978 are tabled below:

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CBI to review industry's 'remorseless decline'

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent
The Confederation of British
Industry council will discuss the
likely effects of the worsening
economy and the impact of high
wage settlements at its meeting wage settlements at its meeting

The meeting is the CBI's first chance to colectively review the jump to 17 per cent in the Minimum Lending Rate and the steep rise in inflation revealed in the last Retail Price Index figures. The CRI's industrial survey showed a near decline in company iquidity and company profitsbility.

Regional branches of the CBI have been asked to report on their members' reactions to deevlopments in the economy and pay. These were still pouring into the CBI's Totalil Street headquarters last night and will be presented to the ruling coun-cil today.

collective Industrialists' opinions on the future of the economy will be presented at next month's National Economic Development Council meeting slongside those of Government and the Trades Union Congress. This NEDC meeting is important because it will be the first

Haif-vear to

305,290

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810

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30th Sept. 1978.

for some time at which the three sides will debate macro

economic maters.
The CBI has for some time advocated a national economic forum at which economic realities can be spelt out publicly in the hope of influencing pay demands.

Industrialists view the con Industrialists view the continuing high wage settlements with growing concern. Sir John Methven, director-general of the CBI, described the present pay round as "certified madness" yesterday. Sir John gave warning at a conference on industrial relations in London that a further decline in investment and increase in unemployment and increase in unemployment and increase in unemployment and increase in unemployment and increase in unemployment. ment and increase in unemployment would result if pay settlements continued at their ments continued present high level.

The CBI so far has not issued figures fro mits pay data bank for this pay round. The method of collecting information was changed during the summer once it became sparent that the Government was not planning to introduce an official incomes policy. The CBI is also assessing how bargaining structures and timetables operate from its connects with employers' organi-zations, nationalized industries and private employers.

ICI plans £20m paint resin plant

By Our Industrial Staff Imperial Chemical Industries is planning to spend more than 120m on a new paint resin manufacturing plant at Stow-market in Suffolk.

market in Suffolk.

The announcement of the project, which should result in the creation of about 30 permanent new jobs, coincided with a call from chemical industry unions that workers should fight redundancies planned "arbitrarily" elsewhere in the group.

where in the group.
Work should begin on the resin plant next spring, subject to planning permission, and the plant commissioned in early 1952.

Mr Denys Renderson, chair-man of the paints division, said yesterday that the investment yesterday mat the investment represented an important step in ICI's plans to develop its share of the total European paints market. The division employs about 5,100 people producing more than 100m litres of paint a year in the United Kingdom.

The plant will repace older resin plants at Stowmarket and

resin plants at Stowmarket and Slough, Berkshire, the divi-Slough, Berkshire, the divi-sion's other main site.
Earlier, Mr David Warburton, secretary of the Chemical Union's Council, told a confer-ence of the Transport and Gen-eral Workers Union that plans by ICI and other chemical companies to cut workforces should be fought.

He said ICI was seeking a

He said ICI was seeking a five per cent cut in its plastics labour force and a 25 per cent cut in fibres division in Northern Ireland, as well as "several hundreds" in other

Calling for a campaign against "arbitrary cutbacks", Mr Warburton said such moves could not be justified by flimsy-arguments about competition. Much capital had gone abroad and the Government's decision to lift all exchange controls gave the "green light to the profits first, UK last' brigade in chemicals", he said.

He questioned ICI's concern.

about national interest when instead of providing job security in Britain, it "chooses to build plant in northern Germany". In Frankfurt, a warning that 1980 will be a different year for European producers of chemical fibres was given yesterday by Mr Guenter Metz, fibre sales manager of Hoechst. Mr Metz expected an increase in fibre imports into Western Europe, particularly from American producers, who were benefitting both from low costs and the relative weakness

Sir, Sir Frederic Bolton can rest easy (Leners, November 19). The Nawala judgment has no significance at all for the shipowner, British or foreign, who sails under his true colours. venience operators, on the other hand if that is what he is making is little short of a death-wish, for it is those. made without putting it in its context. For so long as the flag of convenience owners can shop.

From the General Secretary of that we view that aspect very a buyers' market, then coldifierently. If the House of tive bargaining of the kind Lords had raken his point, Frederic advocates will be happiness would have become a sham. The owners themse mandatory requirement for any line who seemen, who seek our help their thousands, know it, and the seament of their thousands, know it. vessel, just as it is now a re-quirement for many of them that they declare in writing that they will not contact the ITF or its affiliated unions on pain of instant dismissal or subse-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A plea for the flag of con-

scandal. operators who have eaten away at the genuine shipowners position to the point where it is those quent blacklisting for life. Yours truly, No reasonable assessment of HAROLD LEWIS, the Nawak judgment can be General Secretary made without made with made without made with made wit

at the genuine shipowners posi-tion to the point where it is:

As for the "happy" crew, he around for their crews, free will not be surprised to know from all national restraints, in Value of dealer network to BL cars recovery

Lords judgment and 'flag of

convenience' ship operators

Dealer Council . Sir, The heading ("BL dealer network near collapse after network near collapse after georges") and first peragraph of Clifford Webb's article (November 14) paints a dangerously exaggerated picture of dealer defections and their implications on sales for the collapse of dealer defections. BL Cars. There is no denying that other manufacturers look enviously at the strong BL dealer network and some dealer network and some dealers have changed over. The facts are, however, that BL still have the strongest dealer network in the United Kingdom—1,900 outlets—and reports of wholesale defections are both inaccurate and damaging to our major British motor manufacturar.

motor manufacturer.
Far from being down-liearted as Webb suggests, dealers are positively encouraged by the clear signs of progress coming from the company. The massive backing by the BL workforce for Sir Michael Edwardss'

From the chairman of BL cars recovery plan shows a constructive attitude which dealers see as an important breakthrough in industrial relations. The speed-up of the model The speed-up of the model replacement programme was good news for the dealers. BL cars have always excelled in fuel economy and the new models, some of which are almost with us, will bring to the market place fuel-efficient cars equipped and built to the most advanced standards.
In a nutshell dealers think

BL is getting to grips with the principal problems and winning We remain confident that the company can build the right cars, and we are going to be around to service them, for a long time. Yours sincerely, R. CARBUTT,

RI. Cars Dealer Council. Rocar Group Lumited, Parkside House, Huddersfield HD5 9AU.

Employment protection and small companies

From Mr Geoffrey Lace Sir, I was delighted to read the letter from Mr J. W. Seabright November 16. With the great eloquence that only a perfect example can bring, Mr Seabright puts the case against the over-protection of employees in

Time and time again the facts of employment protection are recled off, although I am sure that some of us would dispute the fact that nowadays society should afford more security for those id employ-

However, the reality is that Chief Executive, because of over-protection, The Small Enginess Bureau, employers are positively fouther 32 Smith Square, to take on more staff. The risks London SWIP 3HE and responsibilities are too November 16.

great. Surely, everyone would agree that to increase employment we have to increase the businessman's willingness to expand and help him overcome the inherent risks of new recruiment. We must simplify the whole

range of employment legisla-tion if we are to increase the prospects of new employment in this country. Mr Seabright draws our attention to but one example of regulation gone mad

Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY LACE

Strella House, Strella Group of Companie 34 Stoney Street, Nottingham, NG1 1NB. November 16.

Case for reducing excise duty on wine

contribution to the EEC budget, and President Giscard d'Esteing will be informed that the French ban on the importation of English mutton must be lifted Britain's own rejection of the EEC Commission's ruling re-EEC Commission's ruling regarding the free circulation of with Article 95 of the EEC will inevitable wines and spirits within the community must surely under mine our case. No one would suggest that we sheepishly annum, and we would use much follow every Community recommon if wine was a scheap as mendation, nor can we be beer. France, Italy and Germany are among the world's to atone for the catastrophic mishandling of the market's common agricultural policy. EEC: Spain and Portugal hope. November 19.

The massive differential however, between the excise duty levied in the United Kingdom on a gallon of wine (£2.95 per gallon) and the excise duty on beer (£0.56 per gallon has led the European Court to rule that Britain has falled to comply with Article 95 of the EEC treats.

Are we to remain the nation within the EEC dep of wine a t reasonable pr In vine veritas—our co: ment to Europe may be ju by our attitude to excise on wine. Reduction in will inevitably promote. creased consumption of with roast lamb too. Yours faithfully,

Robert J. Horowitz, Managing Director, Carme! Wine Company Lt. Palmin House, 7-9 Club Row, London E1 6JX

'Alice in Wonderland' policy

Sir, This country is in danger of being sucked into a financial doomsday machine that could easily degenerate into the worst-recession for 40 years. Consider the following four pressures: 1. High interest charges and a severe credit squeeze in-evitably leads to lower economic growth. As a result

economic growth. As a result government revenue from taxes and other sources declines (subsidies to industries in difficulty also tend to increase) but government expenditure tends to be a fixed overhead cost (that is, it does not automatically decline with lower growth), consequently the public sector borrowing requirement can easily both increase at the same time as become much more difficult to fund.

fund.

2 At an industrial level higher interest rates can actually lead to an increase in

actually lead to an increase in borrowing—at least in the short term. This "borrowing J-carve" arises because many costs are largely an overhead expense, while lower growth means lower income, hence a significant amount of further borrowing is often needed to fulfil existing commitments. Of course, marginal borrowing for new commitments are postponed, but that is a relatively small portion of total borrowing. Many lenders have no add ing Many lenders have to add to their borrowings in order to cover payments on existing debt. If borrowing for new investment is at a low level, the only way to reduce total outstanding leaves to the control of the country of the standing loans is through a sig-nificant increase in corporate liquidation. This will be inevitable if the present high level of interest rates are maintained for several months. However, in the immediate However, in the immediate future, as present measures: can easily lead to greater borrowing, it is essential that even higher rates are not then used in snother misguided attempt to control the money supply. Such an approach quickly degenerates into a victous circle which can only end in a traumatic (and self-defeating) recession.

defeating) recession.

3. Again in the short term, higher interest charges and a credit squeeze adds to inflation rather than decreases in another "Jeneve" effect, as the importance of the cost of debt in the overall cost of living is widely underestimated in traditional economic theory.

4. Internationally higher in-

4. Internationally, higher in-terest rates in the United Kingdom will both increase the Kingdom will both increase the value of sterling and encourage an inflow of funds into the United Kingdom. The former trend makes exporting more difficult and can easily worsen the balance of trade position to the point where even higher interest rates, and a further credit squeeze, is thought to be the only way of reducing imports and increasing exports.

Increasing the flow of over-

Imports and increasing exports.

Increasing the flow of overseas fouds into the United
Kingdom only makes it more
difficult to control our domesric money supply. Consequently, both reactions can
easily and un by acrually work-

quently, both reactions can easily end up by acrually working against the original policy objectives.

If these four factors are combined it is easy to see how any pre-occupation with the short-term effect of the present measures (that is it inflation and the money supply are still seen to be increasing in two/ three months time) can drive us all even further into the depth of a very severe depression. In fact we may alpression. In fact we may al-ready be beyond the point of no remen. At the present time the rest

of the world is beset by a large number of other extremely difficult international economic problems. It is particularly unfortunate that present policies
in the United Kingdom run
considerable risk of not only
causing a major domestic. recession, bur they do nothing to help world political and economic stability as it moves faultingly into the precarious. Yours fairbfully, BRUCE LLOYD

48 Aberdare Gerdens, London, NW6.

November 19.

their thousands, know it, It will be shameful if anyth is done under English law make it even easier to cl and abuse them when the state is already an internation International Transport
Workers Federation,
133-135 Great Suffolk Strec
London, SE1 1PD.

Threat posed by Greek

textile imports From Mr E. S. Strauss Sir, I would like to take ex Sir, I would like to take ex-tion to Mr Nort's remark-reported on November 14. president of the British I Federation, which embrace great number of raschel-ters. I was greatly disturbes the remarks made by Mr to the Greek Minister, Mr stantine Mitsotakis. In report you quote—"Bur question of Britain's pre-quotas on Greek textile ing-was not explored, and Mr was not explored, and Mr explained difficulties over rundown of the British in

Since the manufactu manufacru entering a prolonged perior recession. I would assumed that a British Min of Trade would be princoncerned with maintainin much employment in the B textile industry as possible I have been involved over past 12 months in many textile conferences and painfully aware that no attu-has been made to discou

Greece from over expandin textile industry. The expansion which is taking in Greece is aimed primari export into the EEC man (including the United King and it is personally know me that in one or two se the production is being both the to foundation as the production of the production is being both the to foundation of the production is being both the to foundation of the production is being both the to foundation of the production is being both the to foundation of the production in the production is being both the production in the production of the production in the production of the production in three to four-fold over a per between 1978 and 1981.

Greek exports enjoy
high subsidy, both for in
ment and for actual ship
besides working with is
costs only a fraction of our
On behalf of many to manufacturers in this coun must say that I am amazed dismayed by Mr Nott's rem Yours faithfully

E. S. STRAUSS, Chairman & Managing Dire Strella House,

From Mr Robert J. Horowitz Above all, we may have to join the Community, Sir, While the United Kingdom pational interests that clash EEC-associated countries forcefully and justly argues for with European interests.

Greece and Israel are in the reduction of the British. The massive differential how tant wine producers too.

Sir, As a somewhat bewilmanaging director, may I the essistance of your res preferably with psychol-expertise, to unravel the c. drum propounded by the cellor of the Exchequer i House of Commons on Nober 15? His statement on occasion set out the way about the job of containing flation, and may be summed by the following:

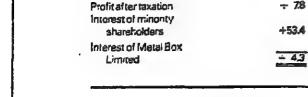
1. If one raises the in rates on money it will those extravagant house rushing into shops to bu and will not, of course, manufacturers striving to their exports competitive an artificially jacked-up

2. Raising the interest to fascally penal levels wil of course, encourage those have money to keep it safe place where it can earner than in vulgar indus 3. The younger generati their anxiety to put their ings into bricks and mort

stead of the bingo chi stocks and shares, must b couraged, if inflation is brought under control. Tweedledum Healey has replaced by Tweedledee at the Mad Hatter's Tea As a voung boy I enjoyed in Wonderland but in

days I did not have the r sibility of employees and f Yours faithfully. EDWARD A. SMITH, Pilamec Limited, Harbour Road. Lydney GL15 4EJ. November 16.

The Times SPECIAL REPORTS THE STREET, CAN



Associated Companies

Estimated taxation on the

profit of the period

of exchange at 30th September 1979; for the half-year to September 1978, they have been converted at the rates used in the accounts for the year to March 1979. Consolidated sales rose by £97.6 million (21.8%) and profit before taxation by £2.9 million (9.5%). Sales at home rose by £34.9 million (11.4%) and overseas by £62.7 million (44.0%). Profit before taxation at home was higher by £0.3

For the half-year to September 1979, the overseas

currencies have been converted at the mid-market rates

million (1.2%). Profit of the overseas subsidiaries was up by £3.2 million (38.9%). The marginal profit increase at home reflects a modest overall increase in the volume of sales over the first six months of last year. Overseas, the results were better than last year and represent improved performances by nearly all the subsidiaries. The progress of the United States

subsidiaries is satisfactory and going to plan. The central heating business continues to advance. In the second half-year, its results will include those of the radiator business which, as recently announced, has been acquired for £7.5 million from the heating division of the

In the second half-year, demand in the United Kingdom is unlikely to increase and therefore profit improvement will depend largely upon the ability to contain costs. Overseas, demand is more buoyant and this should continue. Provided there are no major industrial disruptions, such as those of last winter, or other unforeseen circumstances, combined profit for the year is expected to be ahead of the combined profit for the year to March 1979.

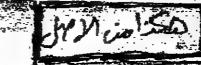
Expenditure on fixed assets during the half-year was £37.6 million of which £16.5 million was spent overseas.

The directors have declared an interim dividend of 8.47p per £1 unit of ordinary stock (7.37p last year) in respect of the year to 31st March 1980, payable on 21st January 1980 to holders registered on 21st December 1979.

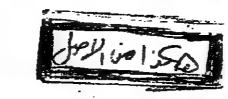


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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Americans in Lime Street

rest in the insurance broking sector is Ting increasingly on the transatlantic ups created over the past 18 months. 3. Heath is almost alone emong United gdom major groups in spurning the idea pooling arrangements and the like with erican groups.

eath of course with its strong involveit in underwriting and special strength urplus lines business as well as strong s with Rollins Burdick has not felt a sing need to go hunting for a United es bridegroom.

he group also relies heavily on Alexan-& Alexander for United States business fears that this source could be vulneras a result of A&A's planned pooling mgement with Sedgwick Forbes Bland ne have been allayed at least in the

then A&A moved its McDonnell Douglas unt away from Stewart Wrightson intly the business went to Heath and Sedgwick.

lsewhere traditional links between /d's brokers and their American suprs have been disrupted much more natically particularly as a result of the sh & MacLennan pooling plan with ring. The United States groups are still r keen to secure their connexion with the rd's market at something closer than 's length and could take advantage of ent ratings to buy their way in.

is it is, Heath's interim results provide is indication of the gloom now pervadthe general insurance industry as busiconditions deteriorate, particularly in United States.

eath's operating profits are down 10 per at £5.9m with the downture attributed he effect of sterling's strength on dollar me. In fact, brokerage, down slightly 8.6m, would have been 10 per cent up 9.4m if the pound had stood still while dug profits would have been almost instead of more than a fifth down at

owever, Heath is not denying that comtion is getting tougher all the time while s are sticking doggedly at bargain base-t levels in all sectors. So, like all UK cers, who rely heavily on US business, th has no option but to go on the defenkeep the lid on expenses and lie low e waiting for better times which with ation going higher may be nearer than pessimists suggest.

ctor Ratings, then may be overdoing agony. Certainly Heath offering a fullyd p/e of over 7 assuming a drop of £2m ust over £14m for the full year and a ly yield of around 7 per cent at 168p us to be squaring up to short-term

C/Averys

re day of ckoning

rys' shareholders must now decide ther to accept GEC's takeover terms or ort the board of the Birmingham weighmachine company and reject the offer. te case for accepting is simply put. GBC fering 265p a share, higher by 40 per than Averys' price before the idea of d was first mooted a year ago and permuch higher than Averys' shares would n the market now if, without GEC, they been caught up in widespread nervousabout the engineering sector.

by Friday, perhaps even put it into a ling society, and earn about double the me they expect after Averys' defensive er cent increase in the payment.

tus runs the argument that it is only a er of price, and that in view of the ending recession GEC's offer is too

ring to resist. The opposing view, held he Britannic Assurance, Averya largest cholder, is that GEC is being opporrtic; that in spite of a forecast of 10 cent more trading profit in 1979, Averys been damaged by the engineering strike er this year, and that if its management y believes it can survive and prosper pendently it should be allowed to try

the political and industrial atmosphere ie moment, in which it seems that those falter must yield to the strong, that is i fashionable vlew.

it this is an argument nevertheless, and that would have carried considerable ht a year ago when GEC first started ting Averys. As it happens Averys has faltered, but it may be about to pay the lity for having been a rather dull, conatively-managed company for too long.

The truth is that Averys often seemed to promise more dramatic growth, particularly at the time of decimalisation and the onset of metrication, but that it failed to produce

Averys started to wake up a couple of years ago, recogized the importance of micro-electronic application to its products, saw the threat of Far East competition and took steps to establish a more sophisticated sales and marketing effort.

This costs money and the fact that Averys has for the first time taken on modest borrowings has been construed as the first sign of impending financial weakness by the GEC

The snag for Averys is that the seed of doubt has been sown; too often share-holders in companies like this have supported their board in fighting off a bid only to find that the value of their investment falls rapidly in real terms once the euphoria has died down and, worse, that they are being asked for additional funds to finance support for the ambitions set out during a

This is the risk; and it is sufficiently real given the economic climate for Averys' shareholders to accept the GEC bid. It may be that on a three-year view GEC is getting Averys cheaply, but if Averys' experience encourages other sound but historically sleepy companies to wake up, it will have been worthwhile.

Metal Box

Dull at

Metal Box has done better than the market expected in its first half, but it is being cagey about home prospects for the remainder of the 1979-80 period and beyond and with good reason.

Home market profits so far are only £0.3m better at £22.3m and there was only modest sales volume increase. This in turn masks an exceptionally strong showing from the Stelrad central heating business (which turned in around 28 per cent of earnings) and a flat performance in metal cans where prices were held in line with BSC timplate prices for 10 months until

Fortunately, this was more than made up overseas. A near-40 per cent gain here pushed group interim profits up by 91 per cent to £33.9m on a 21.8 per cent sales

This should continue but the question for domestic earnings is whether growth can be maintained in central heating (and with housing and improvement finance so expensive there must be a doubt) and to what extent Metal Box can reestablish satisfactory margins on cans after an 111 per cent price increase the other day and in the face of



Mr Dennis Allport, chairman of Metal Bex: a

increasing competition next year from Continental Can which will open up its first UK plant making two-part cans in North

Metal Box recognizes this, though it oints to the defensive qualities of canned foods in a recession. It is clear nevertheless that it is relying on its overseas businesses, including the push into the United States there a new can plant has been opened in California, holding the balance for the next couple of years.

Dividend policy at this stage suggest that

the board is erring on the side of optimism (comforted perhaps by relatively low gear-ing of around 30 per cent). A 10 per cent increase in the interim payment suggests a prospective yield of 12 per cent, which is better than average, but may not be enough next year to underpin a share price of 246p, up 12p yesterday.

Christopher Walker

Israel gets the shock treatment

Later this week the Israeli government of Mr Menachem Begin will receive a further reminder of the contomic diffi-culties which were destined to follow in the train of its one real achievement since taking office in 1977, the signing of a peace treaty with Egypt.

on Sunday the Israelis will formally band back to the Egyptians full control of the Alma oilfield in the Gulf of Suez seized during the 1967 war. At present producing at a rate of 40,000 barrels a day, the offshore field is now meeting more than one fifth of ing more than one fifth of Israel's domestic consumption and its loss will add greatly to the country's fuel import bill.

As well as the loss of the valuable oil field, the process of handing back the Sinai to President Sadat is saddling the Israelis with another financial burden which will add to their already dire economic plight. This is the estimated \$5,000m which is expected to be the which is expected to be the final cost of redeploying a large section of the armed forces to new bases in the Negev, a sum which will be injected into an already over-heated economy whose inflation rate is now expected to touch 120 per cent by the end of the

The imposition of the extra fuel hill comes in the same month as a government re-shuffle which has given the Likud its second finance minis-ter, a former businessman and outspoken critic of the Camp David agreement. Mr. Vignal outspoken critic of the Camp David agreement, Mr Yigael Hurvitz, an abrasive politician with a reputation for blunt-ness. Mr Hurvitz quickly let it be known in his own graphic language that be was prepared "to cut from the living flesh" in his efforts to reduce exces-sive spending and nurse the economy back to health.

Yesterday less than a fort-night after his appointment, Mr Hurvitz unveilled the first stage of his economic plan. Aimed at securing a quick and dramatic cutback in domestic consump-tion, its severity shocked even those well-informed local politiciens who had been braced for tough new measures. As well as a credit squeeze,

Mr Yigael Hurvitz (right), Israel's new Finance Minister, has said that he is prepared to cut from 'the living flesh' in his attempts to nurse the economy back to health



a freeze on public building and an import levy of 10 per cent Mr Hurvitz has also introduced a swingeing series of cuts in government subsidies. As a

government subsidies. As a result, most dairy products, including milk, cheese and butter, have jumped in price by more than 100 per cent and most other basic foodstaffs from between 25 to 50 per cent. Public transport, which went up two weeks ago, will increase in price by another 50 per cent on December 1, telephone charges by 52 per cent, and electricity by 37 per cent. Reliable analysist predict that the new package will lead to an immediate jump in the cost of living index of 15 per cent over the next month. There are also predictions that the measures

predictions that the measures will lead to lay-offs in private industry and bankrupteies among small firms. In an effort to trim the excessively top-heavy public sector a cutback of some 17,500 public service into was also attracted. obs was also announced.

Initial trade union reaction was hostile, claiming that the burden of Israel's economic problems was being placed on

Inevitably, it is the problem of runaway inflation which will dominate Mr Hurvitz's early days in office and which if not quickly brought under control will almost certainly guarantee the coalition's defeat at the next

Haim Barkai dean of social sciences at Israel's Hebrew University, explained: We are now living through the nightmare that every European government is terrified of." Even before this week's move

Even before this week's move price rises followed each other with bewildering regularity and consumers have been prepared to go to almost any length to get their money into goods and out of the devaluing local currency. Shops are even doing a roaring trade in \$2,500 colour television sets, although the Israeli broadcasting authority will not be transmitting in colour for at least another in colour for at least another two years.

In spine of the astonishing pace of price increases, ordinary Israelis have not yet found 100 per cent inflation as painful as might be experted. This is because wages, pensions, loans, incurred income many and are income. necause wages, pedsions, toans, insurance, income mx and even government-issued bonds are directly linked to the cost of living index. As a commentator is the daily Ha'Aretz news paper remarked recently: "Most of the public has learned not only to live with inflation but to flourish in its uflation, but to flourish in its

shadow."

Apart from any political constraints which might be imposed by the leternal strains in the coalition, Mr Rurvitz's room for fiscal manoeuvre is also severely limited by the make-up of the Israeli budget,

standing at \$12,500m. About a third of this is earmarked for defence and another third goes to service the country's increasing foreign debt.

The treaty with Egypt notwithstanding, Israel is a country which has been in a state of war for almost three decades and it is recognized by western diplomatic observers that there is no question of any imminent cuts in defence expenditure. Similarly, the country is not going to renege on its foreign debts, so social spending is left as the only area where cuts can be made.

For some time expert economic opinion both inside and outside the country has been giving warnings with increasing urgency that financial stringency would have to be impressed if the accountry was me posed if the economy was to be saved from disaster.

Mr Hurvity's ineffectual predecessor, Mr Simcha Ehrlich, was repeatedly given similar advice, but seemed unprepared to force the necessary spending cuts on his fellow ministers. The indecision which marked his period at the Treasury was not helped by Mr Begin's deteriorating health and apparent reluctance to in-volve himself in domestic

of Israel's "new policy" was fash-Mach economic policy" was fash-ioned efter the laisser faire

doctrines of the American economist Dr Milton Friedman, who was invited to Jerusalem for consultations soon after the Likud victory ended 29 consecurive years of Labour rule. In face of the subsequent descent into economic crisis and the 65 per cent jump in the inflation rate it is not yet clear how many of these doctrines Mr Hurvitz will attempt to reverse.

Apart from inflation and the problems posed by that for the future health of Israeli democracy a number of the country's other main economic indicators are also in need of attention. The balance of payments deficit, which was \$2,300m in 1977, has now almost doubled and the accumulated foreign currency debt is standing at abour \$13,000m.

Egypt's current foreign debt stands at \$22,000m and it was stands at \$22.000m and it was preminently the size of foreign debts incurred as a result of the long history of hostilities in the region which recemly prompted Mr Arnon Gafny, governor of the Bank of Israel, to propose a type of "Marshall Plan" for the Middle East. He argued that what was needed was a financial bridge of up to \$30.000m over the next decade to help Israel and Egypt to achieve the difficult transition from war to peace.

from war to peace.
In the absence of any concrete response so far to the suggestion Israel is seeking more than \$3,000m in loans and grants from Washington about \$1,000m more than it has sought in recent years.

A number of leading inde-

pendent analysts are now publicly expressing the hope that the American government may seek to attach strings to the seek to attach strings to the eventual package in order to ensure that the Israeli government really does take the drastic steps needed to put its economic house in order. Professor Barkai, who like most local economists is highly critical of the government's performance, said: "One positive step towards recovery would be for the Carter Administration to attach the same sort of tion to attach the same sort of conditions to its loans to Israel as the International Monetary Fund did when it bailed out

Civil engineering: sorting the weak from the strong

Britain's big civil' engineering ter" work previously handled contractors have until recently by smaller companies, each been able to postpone the conlarge contractor is now anxious sequences of deteriorating to switch contracting capacity market conditions both at home, where output has slumped by more than 30 per

cent since 1970, and abroad.

Profits of the large com-panies have shown a healthy growth belying claims made by

the tightening of margins as competition turned curthroat. This pessimism is now being vindicated. Wimpey has reported interim profits down by 42 per cent to £8.4m; those of John Laing fell by a third to £5m and Taylor Woodrow's from £8.1m to £7.7m. Costain managed to increase its half-time profits slightly, but it, too, has not escaped. Workload at the end of June was £510m against £700m a year earlier. the end of Jume was £510m against £700m a year earlier.

Worse, Higgs & £fill, whose half-time figures showed profits down £1.2m to £205,000, decided to call it a day and pull out of civil engineering after experiencing a variety of problems on contracts in the United Kingdom and the West Indies.

Contractors now appear resigned to an acute shortage of large civil engineering contracts

—90 per cent of which in the home market have traditionally come from the public sector—and more modest returns in the foresecable future.

large contractor is now anxious to switch contracting capacity elsewhere and use accumulated cash, where available, to diver-

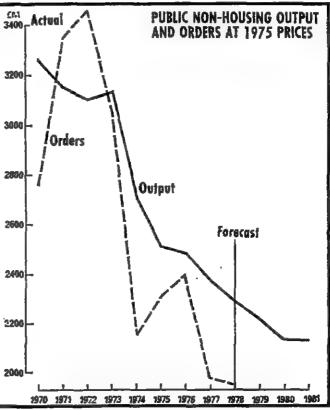
Mr C. T. Wyatt, chief execu-Profits of the large companies have shown a healthy growth belying claims made by the industry that it was being crippled by public work starvation. George Wimpey's profits, already far less dependent on for example, grew sevenfold in civil engineering than pre
10 years, while those of the 10 years, while those of the Costain group have risen from for complacency. "There is £2m to £47m since 1968. Industry leaders—and some struction companies to diversify stock market sceptics—argued that such prosperity could not last. They pointed to the difficulty in finding new contracts to replace lucrative overseas work nearing completion, and the tightening of margins as least because there is intle completion market buoyancy in the markets

ldentrying new areas for expansion has not been easy: not least because there is little buoyancy in the markets traditionally allied to construction—and those to which it is simple to switch skills, manpower and equipment. The private sector, where there has been a revival, can not provide sufficient work for the civil engineers.
The companies are keeping

quier about their diversification plans. Wimpey is known to be interested in expanding further in the field of waste manage-ment, while Laing is one of a number putting more effort into industrial engineering. The company also believes its building materials side will benefit from the greater emphasis placed on thermal insulation.

Costain has made a number of small investments — in Capital and Counties property group and Streeters of Godalcome from the public sector—
and more modest returns in the
foreseeable future.

With few opportunities for
pressing further down-market in
search of the "bread and but-



terest in the British specialist,

Mr Wyatt sees Costain expanding its role as a builder of plant for the energy-related industries-an area where the industries—an area where the majority of large construction companies have been developing a capability—although he stresses that with continuing work on the Thames Barrier and abroad—including the highly competitive Middle East the group has a straight flow. —the group has a sizable flow of work in hand. Costain expects large, one-off jobs to be replaced by expan-

sion over a number of types of work and in such areas as Australia, where the company is bidding for a local contrac-tor, and in America, where it

Mr Frank Gibb, managing director of Taylor Woodrow Construction, also admits that after a number of fat years the pressure is on his and other companies to find profitable outlets for expertise and resources. The group has been engaged

hopes to expand mining activi-

in nuclear power station con-struction for more than 25 years, has been developing its expertise in energy-related fields since well before the 1973 energy crisis and hegan work on its first open-cast site in

Mr Gibb says the group is likely to announce a large, multi-million pound contract soon which will keep some of busy for four or live years to come. It is well placed, too, to win further power station building contracts.

Spearhesding the group's push into the full range of energy-related activities is Taylor Woodrow Energy. It is involved through its associated companies in offshore project management and oil exploration in Yorkshire, as well as more meditional civil engineering and mining activities.

Whatever their short-term plans, the construction groups are anxious to "sweat out" the present difficulties and remin civil engineering capacity, possible at existing levels. Mr Wystt explained, few in the industry now expect activity to return to the levels recorded in the late 1960; and early 1970s, but they do expect a return to more realistic levels of public investment in the infrastructure.

The fear, expressed by Dr Stacey and others, is that if inflationary pressures persist and successive governments continue to pare capital projects, industry's ability to respond to increased demands will be gravely impaired.

These fears have been loudly voiced by the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, who for the first time have been asking members taking part in its regular workland survey whether they, in fact, have any civil work. Almost 20 per cent reported that they did

The all-industry "group of eight", comprising representa-tives of the main labour and employers' organizations and the professions, has repeatedly told ministers that investment in construction programmes which have no private sector equivalent, such as roads, water, sewerage, education and health, are quite inadequate.

Though worthwhile, all these efforts have so far brought little joy to the industry, which has come to expect cuts in spending on roads and other capital pro-jects as outlined in last month's public expenditure White

Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, says that the big civil engineering companies will survive. "They are good, fast-moving and tough." The indications for the next few years suggest strongly that they will need to be.

John Huxley

Business Diary: Gray's in • The piggyback now leaving...

hen Gray just cannot cut from the doomed BSC works at Shotton on Dee-Until 1972 he was manag-director of the BSC's strip division, until he was ed by the corporation's man Sir Monty Finniston, bjecting to the first of the

withdrew into steel con-ncy with John Kay, his er director of engineering, bereaved away on plans for ig steelmaking on Desside. last week he announced he and associates could 49 per cent of the equity se doomed plant, saving up 500 of the 6,500 jobs that

sterday, it emerges that vill continue to be closely. lved with Shotton, inde-lently of any bid. He was ed as successor to Sir Dai es as chairman of the ih Development Agency.

in January. e WDA provides invest-t capital for companies, s small business and tries-tract foreign investment to

tract foreign investment to Principality.

1980, however, it will start eusing a special £15m fund creating new opportunities and around Shorton. Since 1, though well-known in sh public life, has not been ived with the WDA before, must be assumed that his ertise in the steel industry his contacts in the City are and his appointment.

The words "National Union of Railwaymen" occur so frequently in connexion with quently in connexion with unpleasantness that I take a perverse delight in recording this suippet from the NUR newspaper, Transport Review.

It appears that British Rafi has been asked by the Stafford NUR beanch secretary, Bro Haitshorne, to put back a station wheelbarrow crossing at Penkridge Staffs. The crossing Penkridge, Staffs. The crossing was used by passengers in wheelchairs. One of Bro Hartshorne's NUR constituents at Penkridge,

Advanced Passenger Train "At other times", the paper continues, "villagers have been recruited from the square to

the newspaper says, now carries disabled passengers across the track piggyback— hardly in keeping with the

help in carrying the disabled across the footbridge."

BR argues that there is no need for the crossing because station barrows have been with drawn and, as passengers have to get un to the railway plat-form by using a flight of steps, they ought to be able to manage

the footbridge.

How long, I wonder, before an munollified NUR puts in fora piggyback allowance?

Like his former boss, Jim Slater ex-Slater Walker accountant, Peter Durrant, is making money writing. He wrote The Brylcreem Boys, tonight's play on BBC-2.



"If Mrs Thatcher gets this £1,100m from the EEC I suppose civil servants will put in for a whacking rise."

The CBI's controversial move has taken an unusual twist, I hear. Among the many devolopers interested in taking the 125-year lease now our to tender on the CBI's present head-quarters in Torbill Street, West-minster, is said to be none other than one H. Hyans.

The asking price for the lease is £4 down-which is the cost of doing up the CBI's 14 floors et Tothin Street-a rent of £50,000 for two years and then the clincher, a percentage of the rent the eventual occupier will pay the Totbill Street deve-

CBI member firm Y. J. Lovell is doing up the new CBI offices, which should be and may even render.

be, ready in April. The CBI has to Harry Hyams's Centre Point to start paying Hyams's Oldham has taken an unusual twist, I Estates 2750,000 a year rent from the end of June. The CBI has to offer vacant possession of Tothill Street by September. CBI staff are dreading the

move and there are shose who question the wisdom of the confederation's transferring into this monument to 1960's style capitalism. However, the rent is less than half that of modern space in Westminster and there is room for the CBI's council chamber. What more could the top brass want?

Incidentally, I know the per-centage offer to the CBI of the eventual rent on Tothill Street that wil clinch the deal-but that information is not out to

Robin Britten is the only Business Diary who also early in the seventies to foresee manages a pop group.

Having steered the Hollies to fame and fortune he plans to do the same for Aircraft Designs (Bembridge) which, to his de-light, has just been approved by the Civil Aviation Authority for the design and modification of light aircraft and their com-

The first contract received by AD comes from another Britten company, Sheriif Aerospace, and is to handle the various design aspects of the Sheriff, a British light twin-engined four-seater. This was the aircraft which Robin's brother John Britten was designing when he died two years ago, and Robin plans to have a prototype in the air in 12 months or so from now.

Seven men will build the Sheriff in the Isle of Wight. Robin Britten is looking around for financial backing, but he and his fellow aerospace workers are prepared to put in their personal cash. "I've a few first editions I don't mind flogging if that will buy an aileron", he says. Developing the Sheriff is plainly

going to be a big job for AD, one of only a dozen such companies licensed by the aviation authority in Britain But it will also take in aerospace design jobs from all over the world—anything from a door handle to a complete wing

What would a shipowner chairman and chief executive of have given for a crystal ball an aerospace company known to that would have enabled him the present slump and so avoid plunging into new ships and

According to Professor Philip al Pherson, head of the Systems Science Department of the City University, such a ball was available—systems analysis. In a paper to be delivered to

the Ships Systems Symposium organized by the Nautical In-stitute at the University today he says that marine technology and economics obey the same logistic laws of growth as biological species and can be predicted. His paper does not say why he did not make a packet

Here is a postcript to my story vesterday about the bust of a miserable looking man which Conder Engineering cuttles The Satisfied Customer" and displays in the entrance to its jactories. Conder chairman Robin Cole tells me that there was once a very dissatisfied customer for the original. It was apparently sold to the Louvre in the 1860s as a head hy Verocchio, of the 15th centuro Italian voet Benivieni. In fact, the bust was a fake by the nincteenth century Bastianini and was not of a poet but

Ross Davies

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Gilts band-wagon goes into reverse

account turned into a dull affair yestrday following affair yestrday Monday's bright start.

Fears of an all-out strike at British Leyland as a result of the sacking of one of its shop stewards was soon given added impetus by reports that Zambia had declared war on Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

result, Southern Rhodesian Bonds were immediately marked down, with losses of up to £11. By the close, they had rallied slightly although Southern Rhodesia 2! per cent 65-70 were £7 lower at £105 as were Southern Rhodesia 6 per cent 78-81 £11 lower at £133.

The Cons Gold bandwagon seems to have stopped rolling. Most of the buying was by friendly parties, and so will probably not be long-lived. Anyone who jumps abourd now could find the wagon going down rather than up. Yesterday the share cased 6p to 331p.

The boom being experienced by gilt-edged securities also came to a full stop yesterday, with active two-way trading, resulting in falls of £1 in longs and losses of between £; to £; in shorts. The Treasury A 13; per cent, 2000-03, finished the day £; lower at £23; Dealers are now admitting that the initial attraction of that the initial attraction of the £800m of Treasury, 15 per cent, 1985, is now beginning to look less of a good buy but it cannot yet be discounted as it is not yet certain how much foreign interest will be shown. The lack of interest experi-

pre-tax profits plummeted from £157,000 to £30,000 in the year ending July 28 1979 surprising the board which announced that

the company's internal account-

ing figures showed a higher level of profit than now re-

ported at the interim stage.

With the departure of the group's finance director, Mr

group's finance director, Mr Edward Bridgeman, immediate

steps are being taken to int-prove the situation, said Mr Timothy Reed, chairman. The national problems of last winter, higher interest charges, the strength of sterling and

pressure on margins were re-sponsible for the lower profits,

has been passed. An interim of

1.92p gross has already been

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The engineering strike has

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ahead of its nine-month report retreated 5p to 305p after its past two days with the purchase of over one million shares interim figures due slipped 2p to 126p and Courtaulds remained unchanged at 76p, over a possible takeover remained unchanged at 76p, over a possible takeover remained unchanged at 77p.

Others to remain firm included resulted in Vita-Tex being susceptible at 100p. Figure at 127p, and Vita-Tex being susceptible at 100p.

Oils were about the only sector to remain active, with much interest being showed in Tricentrol ahead of third-quarter today, the shares finishing 13p up at 258p.

Speculation continued to surround Oil Exploration as investors waited for news of the mystery bidder. After touching 730p the shares finished with a net gain of 3p to 710p. Lasmo gained 10p in sympathy to 352p. Elsewhere in oils, BP improved 6p to 370p and the new cained 2p to 163p, while Shell improved 4p to 340p and Ultramar rose 8p to 354p.

Companies affected by the stuation in Zimbabwe Rhodesia included Stocklake, 9p lower at 100p and Turner & Newall, a penny lighter at 116p. Lonbro remained firm at 66p. Among companies reporting, Metal Box confounded the experts by reporting figures above most market expecta-tions. As a result, the shares jumped 8p to 246p. Wade Potteries remained unchanged at 49p, while Moran Tea

Glaxo at 400p, Fisons at 237p pended at 71p, unchanged, GEC and BAT's at 245p as Pilkington Brothers dipped 5p to 248p and Rank Organisation lost 4p to might fail left the latter 9p might fail left the latter 9p lower at 234p. EMI finished 4p off at 130p and Thora dipped 8p to 296p. Further nervous selling left Whessoe a further

4p down at 128p. News that Europeanadian had sold its stake in Furness Withy was greeted with a rise of 3p to 235p, while renewed interest in Ladbroke, currently appeal-ling for the return of its gambling licence, saw the shares gain 7p to 146p.

in line with the rest of the market, although an encouraging half-time statement from Hambros saw the shares rise 13p to 267p. But the "big four" clearing banks all showed losses as in the case of National West-minster 10p off at 323p, Bar-clays and Lloyds 393p and 273p respectively. Midland were 8p lower at 323p.

Insurances were weak spot, with most of the majors retreating between 4p and 5p. Reduced interim figures from C. E. Heath saw the shares carroon and Black had in-creased in stake in Minet Hold-ings 10 over 10 per cent in the Beecham and Averys.

brewery shares by a couple of pence in most cases and properties went into reverse following their attempt at a rally on

Tricentrol has come up 21p to 255p in a week ahead of today's nine-monthly figures. Few now doubt how good they will be— some speak of profits for the full year indicated at around £17m against £8m—and analysts have been invited to Tricen trol's headquarters to discuss the figures today. This is usually a cheerful sign. The thrust behind profits is the group's ability to sell a lot of output on the spot market at v40 or so a barrel which means that 1980 will also be a wonder-

Profit-taking clipped 6p from Cons Gold, a speculative stock of late, to finish at 331p. Equity turnover on November 19, was £78.210m (12,366 bargains). Active stocks, yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were Tricentrol, EMI, Cons Gold, RTZ, BP, GEC, Barclays Bank, Nat West Bank

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Latest results

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| foreign interest will be shown. The lack of interest experienced among equities was reflected in the F Index which opened 0.7 off, before dipping to 5.0 at 2 pm. A rally after hours saw the index manage to finish off the bottom, 3.6 lower at 407.7. Interest among leading industrials remained subdued as the marker awaited with inter- | Company Sales Int or Fin Em Anglo-Amr Asphit (I) 1.3(1.1) Equity Income (F) -(-) Evans of Leeds (I) 1.63(1.39) Globe Inv (I) -(-) Grant Bros (I) 4.2(3.8) Gl Portland Ests (I) -(-) Hal Group (I) 40.0(35.0) Morap Tea (F) -(-) Rexmore (I) 18.74(17.38) Tyzack & Turner (F) 5.1(4.3) Wade Poteries (F) 9.34(8.6) Dividends in this table are shown |
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arrived just as news was break-

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opposition to the agreement which gives Mitchell Cotts 49

per cent of the tea estates. The remainder is in the hands of the Ugandan Government. No com-

Mitchell Cotts

team in Uganda

W. Tyzack, Sons and Turner's E. Roy Sissons, the chairman,

the market awaited with interest figures from three of the arc shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown leaders tomorrow. ICI firmed pre-tax and earnings are net. a Loss; b Excludes special dividend of 0.8p; d For nine months.

W. Tyzack, Turner slumps: no final dividend But Mr Philip Dunkley, recent chairman of Mitchell, said that Messrs

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Interim payment raised by Globe Trust

so far as he knew the agree-

ment stands. He declined to

comment on reports that the

overall settlement over the plantations could be worth

As well as lifting the interim from 3.73p to 3.92p gross, Globe investment Trust is paying a special dividend of 1.14p gross. In the half-year to Sept. 30, A team from Mitchell Cotts, the plantation company, arrived in Kampala yesterday less than two weeks after agreement had been reached with the Ugandan Government on re-vitationing the pre-tax earnings rose from £8.42m to £9.77m. Globe's board tea estates formerly owned by Mitchell Cotts and neglected by expects to recomend a final payment of 5p, which would make a total of 8,92p—excluding the the Idi Amin government.
The team, consisting of two special dividend — compared with last year's 8.15p.

> Rothschild to advise Norwest Holst

The board of Norwest Holst has appointed N. M. Rothschild & Sons as financial advisers to the company and the minority shareholders. This follows the

Messrs R. Slater and A. J. Lilley had informed Norwest of their desire to enter into discus slons which may lead to ther making an offer for the ordinary capital of Norwest not already owned by Dunham Mount Hold ags, which they control. Shareholders are advised to take no action until a further announcement is made by Norwest.

Up by one third at Wade Potteries

After topping the film mark for the first time in 1977-78, more progress was made by Wade Potteries during the 12 months to July 31 last. Pre-tax profits rose by 31.7 per cent to £1.36m, another record, net assets per share rose from 30.08p to 38.66p and the total dividend is being boosted from 1.57p (adjusted) to 2.5p gross. Capital expenditure in 1978-79 reached £831,000.

Demand remains at a " satisfactory" level and the board feels the year ahead should be one of further progress.

Rehabilitation of Hambros Bank continues with better half-year

The rehabilitation of Hambros Bank after its troubles in the Norwegian shipping indus-try continues with the halfyearly statement indicating affer-tax profits-before investment gains and extroordinary items — "significantly above" those of the same period last

Investment gains boosted after-tax profits £4.8m in the year to last March but this year ondon and Wall Street markets have not provided any-thing like the same degree of trading opportunities.

As last year, associated com-panies' contribuions in the shape of Hambro Life Assur-ance and Berkeley Hambro, heath of which have results as both of which have recently announced sharply higher dividends, were a major factor in the improvement.

But Hambro also announces banking profits "higher" than last year. Although there has sterling and dollar interest group.



Mr Jocelyn Hambro, chairman of Hambros Bank.

been no balance sheet growth in the half year and the corset has kept the lid on the loan book, the banking side has benefited hugely from the high

rates in the period, which have helped to offset the squeeze on margins elsewhere. Last year's growth in acceptances has also not been repeated, largely be-cause the high cost of sterling borrowing and the strength of the currency has kept foreign customers at bay. The indus-rial leasing side continues to make good progress while the corporate finance division, helped by the Charter Consolidated reconstruction and the Thorn/EMI bid, has been

kept active.
Meanwhile, the group is still relexed about the Reksten shpping loans. The interim dividend has been increased by a quarter to 7 p a share gross which helped the shares gain 13p to 267p yesterday.

Another merchant banking group to report higher profits is Mercury Securities which in addition to its metal trading, insurance and shipping interests takes in the S.G.Warburg

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by Michael Prest Rumours that Zambia

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HAT shrugs off building gloom

Despite the downturn in the building- and construction industry the HAT group continues to make up ground. Reporting turnover for the six months to August 31 1979 up to £40m against £35m the building trades and suppliers group produced taxable profits of £1.7m—a 38 per cent increase over the £1.23m during the same period last time.

the same period last time.

One of the major reasons for HAT'S balt to declining profits, which were up to £3.2m in 1977, has been a conscious shift in the group's trading

Gt Portland

expectations

Following in the footsteps of

Land Securities, which reported

last week, property group Great Portland Estates turned in interim profits slightly shead of

In the six months to Septem-

ber 30, pre-tax revenue rose by almost a fifth from £2.75m to

£3.25m on gross rental income up from £4.3m to £4.78m.

policy. Portland has charged to

pre-tax revenue the £336,000

spent on exceptional repairs from the refurbishment of

buildings. This compares with a previous £157,000. If this cost is added back into the figures the gross revenue shows a rise of almost a quarter on the com-

Group chairman Mr Basil Samuel said yesterday that the six month improvement came

from an increase in the number of properties under rent

For shareholders there is an interim dividend of 1.42p against a previous 1p. The

shares yesterday eased 2p to

176p where they yield a historic

4 per cent. The recent property revaluation raised the net assets

per share from a previous 209p

parable period.

In line with its accounting

By Allison Mitchell

ahead of

stance. It has moved away be HAT's new maintenance from supplying the building scheme aimed at both the trades to concentrating on domestic and private building direct renewal work.

Traditionally the group's

major earnings spurt has in Bristol and an operation always been during the second established in London. By the half of the year. Up until 1977 end of he current financial profits increase has been as year a total of eight mainmuch as 146 per cent in the last half over the first. Although chairman Mr Afred

A warning that the recession developing in the United States could have an adverse affect on the sold price in the short rub has been given by Sir Albert Robinson, chakman of Johannesburg Consolidated Investment, But a gradual rise in the fold price matthe avected if

gold price may be expected if governments are unsuccessful

Reviewing Johnnies' year, the chairman said that the company

has substituted local capital for foreign borrowing because

containing inflation, Sir

year a total of eight main-tenance centres will have been established across the country.

An interim dividend of 143p Athough charman Mr Aired.

Telling is not predicting an increase as high as this, ell the
indications are that the group
could turn in profits over the
full year as high as f3.8m.
Helping to boost profits will time to 2.5p. a share gross has been declar-ed which shows a growth of 21.2 per cent. Earnings per shere has increased from 1.870

owner. Already a pilot scheme has been knunched successfully

Johnnies chief on gold price top executive post, currently Spiegel that AEG-Telefut held by Mr Walter B. Wriston, raising Dm300m in a pror the company's 60-year old chair-man - AP Dow Jones.

RTZ modermisation ...

Duisburg — Duisburger Kupferhoette, a subsidiary of Rio Tinto-Zinc will invest DM52m to modernize its copper plant. The supervisory board approved the investment, which forms the first stage of a major programme due for completion by the end of 1981.—Reuter.

International

nas substituted local capital for foreign borrowing, because of high international interest rates. Another Rand 25m (£13.9m) will be invested in Randfontein Estates Gold Mining this year. The high gold-price has allowed Western Areas to lower its grade.

Sir Albert accused the South
African Government of taking. BASE AG hopeful

African Government of taking too cautious a view of how much cost the country could afford to export. He said the current calling of 44 million tons should be raised.

Citacorp overhaul

New York—Citicorp, whose chief subsidiary is New York's Chibank, is to submit to its directors a plan for sweeping management and administrative changes. The restructuring is

Frenkfurt A spokesman for Ilianz Versicherungs AG re-

butted a report in the West

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A report in the latest in Der Spiegel said Germ surence companies to with AEG's leading sur-ere acting on behalf electrical company to Dm300m in a Schulde promissory note loan ; interest. However, the man said a meeting w surance companies to place at ABG headquart

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C.E.Heath & Co. Limited

INTERIM REPORT 1979-80

Unaudited results for the six months to 30th September 1979

| COMPARATIVE | Six months to 30th S | Year to 31st March | | |
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| RESULTS | 1979 | 1978 | 1979 | |
| | €'000 | £'000 | £,000 | |
| Net Brokerage income | 2,804 | 3,602 | 9.870 | |
| Net Underwriting income | 2,524 | 2,248 | 5,102 | |
| Operating profit | 5,872 | 6,538 | 16,051 | |
| Net profit attributable | 2,746 | 3,132 | 8,765 | |
| Earnings per share | 9.1p | 10.7p | 29.6p | |
| Dividend per share (gross) | 10.0p | 2.42p | 8.0921p | |
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- Total group profit before tax was £5.872,000 (1978—£6,538.000). Interim Dividend is 4.3279p per share gross plus an amount equal to the final dividend payment for 1978/79. Accordingly the combined dividend distributed will be 7p net per share, equivalent to 10p gross per share. Payment will be made on 3rd January 1980.
- Insurance broking income was \$8.62 million compared with \$8.80 million and but for the strength of sterling we would have recorded a growth in brokerage of some 10% over the
- Underwriting operations contributed £2,524,000—an increase of £276,000, including approximately £800,000 from new French subsidiary Groupe Sprinks. Australian operations have continued to develop satisfactorily although devaluation of the Australian dollar has depressed the results in sterling terms.
- The acquisition of new business and the containment of expenses continue to be our prime F.R.D. HOLLAND, Chairman

Coption of the full interim Report are available from the Secretary, C. E. Heath & Co. Limited, Cuthes Pourt House, 151-154 Minorles, London ECSN 1NR.



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Business appointments New president

elected at Firestone

Mr John J. Nevin has been elected president of Firestone.
Mr R. W. S. Baker has be-

come deputy managing director of Sun Life Assurance of Canada (UK).

Canada (UK).

Mr David Kiggell has been made regional director of the south east region of Smarts Laundries Group.

Mr Chris Chaplin has been appointed a director of Stone-hill Furniture.

Mr P. Ferdinand has been made a director of Kuehne and Nagel UK.



Mr David Trimby has joined the board of Mears Contractors as financial director and company

Dr E. O. Walwyn Jones and Mr T. Donald Smith have joined the board of World-Wide Assur-

Mr David Roxburgh has resigned as chairman and group managing director of Dorothy Petidins, fol-lowing the completion of the transfer of management control to the Burton group.

Mr Neville Baston and Mr Mar-

Options

Traded options remained dull vesterday with contracts completed dipping from Monday's figure of 693 to 533, Dealers are anticipating an increase in business tomorrow with the introduction of a new series of Cons Gold January's 360 after the speculative amount of interest which has surrounded the suare of late. Traditional options were also

quiet ; some calls were made in

Dearer money cuts US stocks

this year, United States cor-porate managers vowed to hold down inventories but in every month through September, in-ventories increased.

changes. The restructuring is based on a new master plan for reaching the giant banking concern's goals, according to some

sources. It could also offer

Last month, however, the executives apparently started to do what they had talked about doing for so long.

A key to the sudden switch to inventory cutting seems to be the United States Federal Reserve's tightening moves announed on October 6. The October survey by the 22,000-inember National Association of Purchasing Management indicates that 80 per cent of the 225 purchasing agents surveyed say that the rising cost of money is affecting inventory policies. A key to the sudden switch

The upshot: the largest monthly cut in inventories in almost five years. "This indicates that even

"This indicates that even after fairly good business activity last mooth, managements are reacting to the higher money rates and pulling in their borns", says Mr Charles Haffey, chairman of the survey committee and vice-president, corporate purchasing division, of Pfizer.

of Pfizer.

"The Fed really applied heavy brakes, and managements are becoming very cautions about adding to inventory stocks. They are taking a close look at what they thought was a one-month supply and disco-vering they really have three to four months' worth of inventories."

Even before the Fed

abruptly raised interest rates to defend the dollar, com-panies had ample reason to. that their inventories might become a problem. They were painfully aware of what All this year, corporate man-All this year, corporate managers acrows the country have been making the same vow. They said they had learned a lesson from the 1973-75 recession, which was deepened and prolonged by a huge build-up in inventories that had to be liquidated before the economy could be maying unward. could begin moving upward.

The inventory sell-off in the first half of 1975 was by far the largest on record, and as companies cutback their buy-ing, there were many plant ing, there were many plant closings and major lay-odfs.

But in spite of this miserable experience and the voews to avoid repeating it, businessmen allowed inventories to climb, althhough the Sep-

per cent. According to the latest statistics from the US Commerce Department, inventories grew in the third quarter at a seasonally adjusted enough rate of almost \$200m (short form).

\$20bn (about £9m). This was a little higher than the first quarter rate but down substantially from the second-quarter's \$3.34hn, a near-record rate bloated by big inventories

of cars. Inventories climbed for several reasons. Some types of business, such as capital-goods makers, were still thriving—so they were stocking up to stay abreast of orders. Other industries, such as cars, had high inventories because of weak sales, and some businessmen were hedge-buying in fear that certain materials may become

Such a rise in inventories does not surprise economists.

They say a build-up around the onset of a recession is normal because economic activity is then relatively high.

But the increase in inventories, particularly in relation to current sales, to about where they were in the late summer of 1974 was making corporate managers increasingly uncomfortable. And then the Fed struck. So last month, than commences with he remany companies—but by no means all—embarked on a major inventory-cutting drive.

Of the 225 purchasing agents surveyed by their trade group in October, 34 per cent reported lower inventories, while only 17 per cent had higher ones. The rest noted in-the change. In September, only 19 per ceut reported lower inventories and 23 per cent higher ones.

The Fed's moves did net affect planning immediately.

Just over a week after the annuncement

nouncement, interviews with scores of inventory and production managers turned up concern about higher credit costs, but a widespread atti-tude that interest rates were just one consideration. A month later, however, many executives felt somewhat differently.

"It is one thing to talk shout month-to-month inventory-carrying charges of around 2 per cent, but that could easily rise to 3 per cent, and that makes it a different ball game ", says Mr Paul Sulbura, director of materials liven, director of meterials management for General Metal

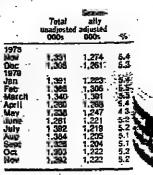
A St Louis metal-str and fabrication owner "Our inventory is substa-higher than it should b unless we get it down.

going to hurt profitability Potential marketing lems are spurring many companies to reassess the ventory policies. At the cal-products division of land-Ross Corporation, tories were "deliberatel" creased by about 20 pe from earlier this year ": port higher sales", sa: Frank Kopta, supervis Materials Planning.

"However", he adds, starting to see some som the economy, and, with high cost of money, it ment now wants us to off about half the gain."

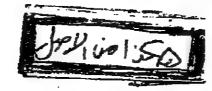
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Briefly

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Silver slips 13 cents New York, Now 19. COMEK SILVER futures closed little net changed, slipping 15 cents from their highs

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ird has exercised option to ribe for 443,300 shares in es Property Investment at i share and now holds 1,968's s or 10.41 per cent.

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UV Industries rose 1 to 221.

UV is the subject of comparing takeover bids from Reliance Group and Companies controlled by Victor Posner Reliance lost

Commodities

Discount market

There was an adequate supply of credit within the system yesterday. First rates for fresh secured money were heard in the 161-2 area: Houses took in some money at those levels, but there was a tendency to stand back in anticipation of cheaper funds.

This proved a successful factic, and it was helped by the appearance of a ready supply of two-day money, across today's third-Wednesday, make-up day and into Thursday's offering of the new £800m short tap stock.

These two-day funds came out at 153-1 per cent in quite chunky offerings, and overnight credit was soon answering to hids at the same levels, there was some sight firming towards the finish, with books eventually ruled off within bounds of 16 per cent and 164 per cent. But no help was required of the authorsides.

A small excess of Exchequer disbursements over tax transfers worked in the market's favour.

Money Market

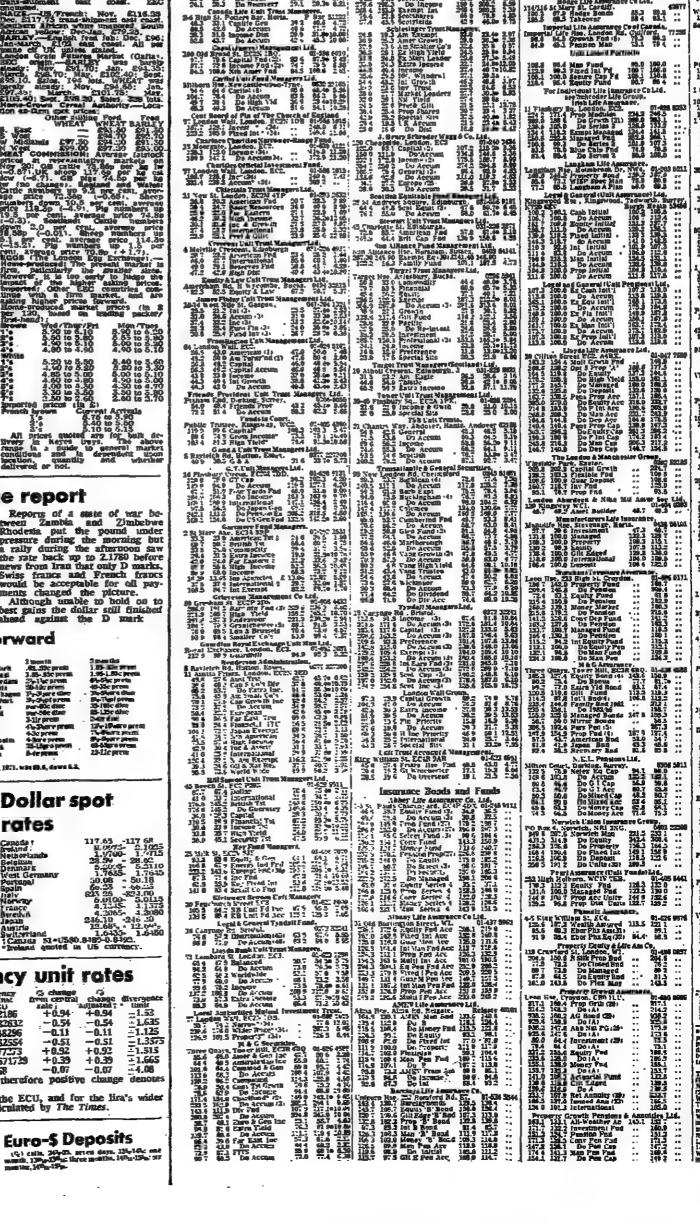
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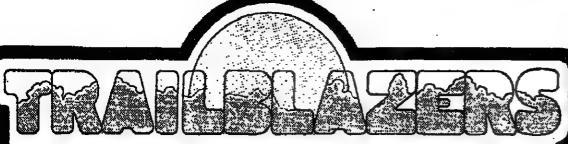
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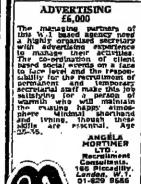
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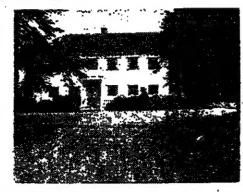
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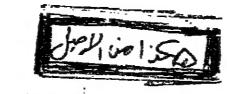
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en Gelzer, in the cast of the London musical show bling Brown Sugar, who appears tonight in London at Out (ITV. 8.00).

actically everybody else has had a go at Dr Kissinger, so only right and proper that Michael Parkinson should put on the spot, too and he does so tonight (BBCt, 11.02). d Frost gave the former American Secretary of State a bing For that reason, every subsequent interview which issinger has given, on radio or television, has been ured by the Frost yardstick. It would, I think, be unfair to ct the same dagger at the throat jabbing from Mr Parkinson we saw Mr Frost administering. And I doubt if Mr inson will display the same degree of political perspicatity. inson will display the same degree of political perspicacity Michael Charlton showed when he interviewed issinger on BBC radio last night. But Mr Parkinson might surprise us. When he can overcome his awe at being onted by the Mighty, he can be pretty fearless.

I the strengths and weaknesses of Dick Francis's thrillers t the turf—expert knowledge of the mileu, fast action, ing improbabilities, wafer thin characterization—have I their way into the first of a new weekly series of shire Television dramas. The Racing Game (ITV, 9:00) if rom the Francis books. The opening episode has former y and present private detective Sid Halley (played glumly like Gwilym who has a lot to be glum about) foiling a plot at down a racecourse. Coincidentally, a 13-part reading mass Rolam of Dick Evapories theilles. Whin Hand begins mes Bolam of Dick Francis's thriller Whip Hand begins on Radio 4, at 10.45 am.

o concerts of more than passing interest are on Radio 3 . At 4.15, Muti conducts the Berlin Phil in a programme ncludes the Schumann piano concerto (Murray Perahia soloist) and, at 8.00, Rozhdestvensky conducts the BBC bony in two Mozart works—symphony No 15 and horn rto No 3, with Alan Civil as soloist—the Bartok piano rto (Victoria Posinikova as soloist) and Vaughan Williams's

ne in to Radio 4 at 7.20 tonight to learn why Roger Cook, misumers' best friend, has just won the Society of rs/Pye Radio award for the best radio personality of the

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junior newsreel.
5.05 The Enchanted Castle: part 3
of this serialization of E. Neshit's

book about a magic ring. 5.40 News: with Richard Whit-

5.55 Nationwide: news and fea-ness. 6.45 Angels: the romantic and emo-

tional traumas of hospital nurses.
7.1 9 Star Trek: another space adventure. The human acrors behave with robot-like precision.

And surely no human hand ever penned the screenplays? 8.00 Mastermind: the subjects are the films of Steve McQueen, Euro-pean history 1914-45, France since 1814, and West Malaysia.

7.20 News: with sub-titles for the

vonrings.
3.44 Play School: the story is The Square Ben Drew.
4.20 Pixle and Dissie: cartoon...
4.25 Jacksnory: Joseph O'Conor continues reading his story king.
Canoodlum and the Great Horned Cheese. 9.05 am for Schools, Colleges: 9.05 Engineering Craft Studies. 9.35 Exploring Science (the sea). 9.58 Let's Go'Swimming: 10.12 Words and Pictures. 10.30 English (Plough and the Stars : part two.) 13.02 Science All Round (paper)— 4.40 Targan, Lord of the Jungle : animated strip cartoon.
5.00 John Craven's Newsround: You and Me: for young

children. 11.40 Enr Schools, Colleges: 11.40 Resource Unit. 12.05 pm Tele-France (both repeats). Close down 12.45 News and weather.

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1,00 Pebble Mill at One: Guests are
Norris McWhirter, compiler of the
Guinness Book of Records, and
humorist Rob Buckman presents
the "Star Chef" cookery spot.
1.45 Over the Moon: for the very young.
2.01 Por Schools: Colleges: 2.01
Watch (The Nativity, part 1). 2.18
Near and Far (Sugar). 2.40 A Good
Read Close down at 3.00.
3.25 Della Smith's Cookery Course:
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BBC 2

THAMES

10.20 Gharbar: a programme for Asian women. Closedown at 10.45.
11.00 Play School: same as BBC 1,
3.55. Closedown at 11.25.
5.40. Laurel and Hardy: .Come
Clean.* Stan and Oliver rescue a woman from drowning.

6.09 Adventure at Sea: Colussus—
the Ship that Lost a Fortune.
Archaeological documentary about
a vase mission (r).

6.50 The Blue and White Army: documentary about Ipswich
"going up for the Cup" in 1978.
It won the Pye Regional Television
Award (first shown on BEC East).

9.30 am For Schools, 9.30 Facts for Life (babies). 9.52 My World. 10.10 How we Used to Live. 11.04 Stop, Look, Listen (sausage mak-ing). 11.16 Finding Out. 11.33 English Programme: the tech-

English Programme: the techniques of story-telling (r.).
12.00 Cloppa Castle: puppet show for the very young.
12.10 pm Once Upon a Time: Peter Davison tells the story of Three Little Pigs.
12.30 Farmhouse litchen: how to plan a three-course dinner for four. With Dorothy Sleightholme and Judith Adshead.
1.00 News at One: with Peter Sissoms.

1.20 Thames News: with Robin

1.30 Armchair Thriller: Quiet as a

Nun. Part 3. Another nun has died, mysteriously. A relevision reporter, continues her investigation at the

2.00 After Noon Plus: are the Cov-

ernment spending cuts driving working women back into the

hard of hearing.
7.30 The Old Grey Whistle Test: repeat of last night's programme. With Secret Affair and Aivin Lee.
8.05 The Book Programme: authors talk about their books. The erudite chairman, as always, is Robert Robinson. Robinson. 8:30 Discovering English Churches: Donal Sinden among the rombs at St Mary the Virgin, Painswick, Gloucestershire, and St Mary the Virgin in Bottesford, Leicester-

shire.
9.00 Party Political Broadcast: on behalf of the Tories.
9.10 M*A*S*B: Korean War comedy adventure series. Tonight: Haw-

8.30 Terry and June: domestic comedy series with Terry Scott and June Whitrield. Tonight: and outbreak of grafteti. 9.00 Party Political Broadcast: on behalf of the Conservative Party. 9.10 News with Peter Woods. 9.35 Sportsnight: highlights from the England v Bulgaru European Championship match at Wembley. Radio 4

9.00 News

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6.00 am News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today.

5.35 Yesterday in Parliament

11.05 Baker's Dozen,
12.00 News.
12.02 pm You and Yours.
12.27 Double Act.
12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One.

1.35 Party Politi (Conservative). 1.40 The Archers.

5.55 Weather, 6.00 News. 6.30 My Word It 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers.

Pen to Paper.† File on 4. 10.00 The World Tonight

Widower (3). 11.15 Financial World Tonight. 11.30 Today in Parliament. 12.00 News. weather.

.50 am. Regional news, weather.

All Sizes. 5.00 PM.

2.00 News. 2.02 Woman's Hour.

3.00 News. 3.02 Listen With Mother.

3.15 Afternoon Theatre: A Very Private Poem.; 4.00 Choral Evensong.;

4.45 Short Story. They Come in

9,05 Mid-Week With Russell Harty. 10,00 News.

10.05 Gardener's Quesnon Time, 10.30 Daily Service. 10.45 Wanp Hand, by Dick Francis

Political Breadcast

6.10 Farming Too 6.30 Today. 7.00, 8.00 News.

Hungary.
11.02 Parkinson: Michael Parkinson interviews Dr Henry Kissinger (see Personal Choice). 12.02 am Weather. Close down at

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keye (Alan Aida) gets injured and he and Hor Lips bury the hatchet.

9.35 Playhouse: The Brylcreem Boys. Peter Durrant's (irra play is set largely in an RAF hospital in 1944. The story of how a wide-hoy, non-flying alteraftsman's view of life is drastically changed through contact with Bomber Command afterew. With David Threlfall, Steven Grives and Timothy Spall.

10.50 Grapevine: repeat showing of last Saturday's community action report about what the public can do to make the health service better.

ter. 11.20 News and weather. 11.35-11.45: J. C. Squire's poem Under is read by John Westhrook.

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People: Inside Pages; Quest. 2.00-3.00 pm For Schools: Move-ment and Drama I; Books, Plays, Poems; Nature. 5.50 Remonal news, weather. 11.08-11.30 Study on 4; Sur le Vif

Radio 3

Zarathustra).t

6.55 am Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Records: Elgar, Tchaikovsky, .00 News. 8.05 Records: Watther, Beethoven, Wagner.† 9.00 News. 9.05 Strauss (incl. Also sprach

Zarathustra).†
10.00 Organ: Titelouze, Dupré
Messiaen, Franck.†
10.45 Hamilten Harty (Songs).†
11.15 BBC Welsh SO. Thomson:
Rimsky-Korsakov. Dvorak.†
12.10 pm in Shori.
12.20 BBCWSO: Szymanowski
(Som.).

1.05 Violin and plano; Messiaco, Kreisler, Szymanowski, Sarasate.† 2.00 Music Weekly † 2.30 Schubert (Octet in F).†

2.55 Schumper Totter in Fry 3.55 Brian Dennis (Night-Cycle, first broadcast).† 4.15 Berlin PO/Muti. Mendels-ohn, Schumann (Puo Conc—Pera-hia).†

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5.10 Young Music-Makers.†
5.25 Homeward Bound.†
5.45 News.
5.50 Homeward Bound.†
6.15 At Home.†
7.15 Music Now.†
8.00 BBCSO/Rorhdestvensky (Inc.
from Festival Hall Mozart, Bartok (Pno Conc.)—Postnikova).†
9.00 Six Continents.
9.20 BBCSO/Rorhdestvensky:
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Vaughan 10.05 Letter from Israel.
10.30 Wagner: Wesendonk lieder:
Baker/LPO. Boutt.†
10.55 Franz Schubert Quarter:
Tchaikovsky, Beethoven.†
11.55-12.00 News.

7.50 am Regional news, weather. 9.05-10.30 For Schools: History in Evidence; Hor doch mal zu!; Poetry Corner; Music Makers; Something to Think About. 10.45-12.00 For Schools: The Radio 2 5.00 am News, Weather, 5.03 Tony Brandon,† 7.32 Terry Wogan,† 10.03 Jimmy Young,† 12.15 pm Music Box: By the People, for the

Waggoners' Walk. 12.30 Derek Hobson's Open House.† 2.15 David Hamilton.† 4.15 Much More Music.† 5.00 News. 5.05 Waggoners' Walk. 5.20 John Dunn.† 6.45 Sports Desk. 7.02 The Organist Entertains.† 7.30 International Soccer Special. 9.20 Green on . Henderson.† 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.02 Stop the World. 10.30 Rubert Gregg. 11.02 Medium Dry Sherrin. 12.02 am Brian Matthew.† 2.02.5.00 You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio I ...

S.00 am A. Radio 2. 6.00 Dave Land Travis. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.31 Paul Burnett. 2.00 pm Andy Peebles. 4.31 Kid Jensen. 7.00 Mailbag. 8.00 Mike Read. 9.50 Newsbeat. 10.00 John Peel. † 12.00-5.00 am A. Radio 2. VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 7.30 pm Listen to the Band. † 8.15 The Magic of the Musicals. † 9.02 Green of ... Henderson. † 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 With Radio 2. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

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third week of this musical competition.

5.15 Sam: story of a Los Angeles police dog.
5.45 News.
6.00 Thames News: with Andrew Gardner, Rita Carter.
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2.45 General Hospital: dramas at a Midlands hospital. Today: a marriage is threatened by a phone call.

3.45 Hobson's Choice: Derek Hobson interviews people from many walks of life. His guests over the next few weeks include Liz Robertson, the star of My Fair Lady and Warwickshire cricketer, Denis Amiss. Amiss.
4.15 Ridsworld: magazine for children. Includes items on a stunt rider and trout farms.
4.45 Fanfare for Young Musicians: Bygraves.
7.30 Coronation Street: Mrs Pott-

11.25 Fact for Life: discussion about premature bathes. 11.55 Andy Williams; the American ter starts interfering in her singer entertain daughters' wedding arrangements. 12.25 am Close 8.00 London Night Out: Tom poetry selection singer entertains. 12.25 am Close Ray Smith with a

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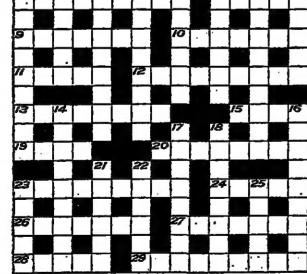
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